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Only half of peers register interests

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# Lords to face Nolan review of standards

LORD NOLAN is expected to launch the first investigation into standards in the House of Lords after hundreds of peers failed to register their finan-

Barely half of the 600 regu-lar attenders have listed any consultancies or directorships in the latest register. Those who declined to do so included Lord Parkinson, the Conservative Party Chairman who was in the forefront of the Opposition's campaign against the Trade Minister Lord Simon of Highbury over his failure to declare a £2

million BP shareholding. Lord Parkinson - whose ten directorships including the chairmanship of Planet On-line, an Internet company run by Paul Syles, the Yorkshire ousinessman who gave financial support to Tory election candidates opposing a single European currency — is one of the most prominent peers to make no declaration. Others include Lady Thatcher and Lord St John of Fawsley, the

former Commons leader who

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is chairman of the Fine Arts: While MPs face suspension if they breach tough regula-tions designed to ensure public transparency, the peers' register is largely voluntary. Registration is required for peers who receive payments for lobbying or providing parliamentary services and for matters which lords may consider affect the public perception of the way in which bey discharge their Parlia-

pentary duties". Leading Labour MPs are pressing ministers to come the Lords said that the Lords. said that the Lords was he weak link in the new regulatory system established by Lord Nolon: We cannot now the House of Lords to



of ten directorships bring Parliament into dis-repute at a time when the House of Commons is finally cleaning up its act."

And it emerged yesterday that Lord Nolan's committee will almost certainly review the Lords when it reconvenes in October - especially as the Government is recruiting more and more peers from

Lord Shore of Stepney, the former Labour minister who is a member of the committee, the remit to be widened. He said: The case for requiring all legislators, whether they are MPs or peers, to declare their financial interests is

overwhelming. "It must apply to all mem-bers of the Houses of Parliament. It has to apply to both Houses. I am sure the committee will be making that point. It is in the best interests of the House of Lords to have its financial regulatory frame-work examined and put on the

same level as MPs. "At the time we conducted our investigation, in the aftermath of the allegations over MPs taking cash for questions, it was not our priority. The Commons will still be our priority. But there is a strong

argument for us looking at all the procedures of the House of

The peers' register was set up in February 1996 with around 300 making declarations. But 202 indicated that they were not prepared to make an entry.

Lord Parkinson's decision

not to declare his directorships will particularly embarrass the Conservatives only days after they waged a campaign that forced Lord Simon to relinquish his BP shares especially as they are planning a new assault on the Trade Minister's £14,000 Grand Metropolitan shareholding.

Lord Parkinson was one of Lord Simon's sternest critics after he failed to make a declaration in the Lords regis-ter, saying: "If you had a Conservative minister in this position, I shudder to think what the Labour Party would have been saying."

Yesterday a spokesman for the Tory chairman, who is on holiday, said of his own omission: "While he was in govern-ment he was always scrupious about declaring any interest But now he is in opposition, and a member of the Upper House, so the rules are

Lord Parkinson's directorships include Amertrans, Hertfordshire Business Centre, Integrated Technology (Europe), Jarvis Harpenden Holdings, Midland Expressway, Mobile Phone Supercover, Odyssey Corporation,

and Resolution Security. Peers who have declared their outside interests include Lord Tebbit, another former Tory Party chairman; Lord Prior; Lord Archer of Weston-Super-Mare: the former Liberal Democrat leader Lord Steel: and the former Foreign Secretaries Lord Howe of Aberavon and Lord Hurd.



Ronald Haughton, from Oxfordshire, is wheeled away to hospital from the Parisis

## **Britons hurt as boat** rams bridge in Paris

bruises and cuts and were not

Banbury, Oxfordshire, whose

briefly lost consciousness after

striking her head on a railing.

"I was facing the other way and then nothing, black. I just fell, knocked out. My husband

was talking and then he col-

lapsed." The couple had gone

to France to attend a wedding

at the weekend. They had only

one day in Paris and the boat

ride was "just something we wanted to do", Mrs Haughton

explained, adding: "I wish we

hadn't bothered, now." Mr

released after treatment.

TWENTY-SEVEN people, including nine Britons, were injured, one seriously, when a river cruiser on the Seine rammed into the Pont Royale

in Paris yesterday. About 70 tourists were aboard the double-decker bateau mouche, the Parisis, when she struck an arch of the bridge not far from the Louvre at about 11.20 am. The accident was caused by an electronic navigating error that drove the boat into the bridge before the captain could correct its course, said Eric Levavasseur, director of Vedetres du Pont Neuf, which

owns the Parisis. Most of those injured Haughton is expected to leave

seriously hurt. Most were hospital today The Parisis was travelling at just over 4mph when it hit Audrey Haughton, from the bridge, but Bernard Schmitt, a Frenchman on board, said that the impact husband Ronald cracked his ribs and was taken by stretcher from the boat, said she was enough to throw passen

gers over their seats. Over 4.5 million passengers take a cruise along the Seine by bateaux-mouches every year. The boats are named after the ship-building area of Lyon where the first metalriveted hulls were constructed. Les Vedettes du Pont Neuf is one of four companies operating its boats on the Seine. Since 1995, three other bateaux-mouches have collided

## **6,000** names to go on sex offenders' list next month

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

SIX thousand names will be put on the national sex offenders' register immediately it comes into effect at the beginning of next month, the Home Office said yesterday.

The names will include those of offenders convicted of sex crimes who are in jail or under probation supervision. The Home Office estimated that another 3,500 names a year would be added to the register, which will be held on

the police national computer. Because the Sex Offenders Act setting up the register does not operate retrospectively, the overwhelming majority of the 110,000 convicted paedophiles in England and Wales will escape being put on the list. Their names will be added only if they are convicted of another sex offence.

Under guidelines issued yesterday, the police will be expected to warn local communities when a convicted sex offender moves into the neighbourhood only in exceptional circumstances. The guidance says that any decision to name an offender must be "justified on the basis of the likelihood of the harm which non-disclosure might otherwise cause". It said that disclosure of personal information about individual offenders should be exceptions to a general polic of confidentiality

Alun Michael. Minister of State at the Home Office, told a press conference in London that the guidelines were an important step in protecting the public, particularly children, from sex offenders. But, he added, the guidance was not a magic wand to the problem of dealing with sex offenders in the community. Mr Michael said he hoped

that the guidelines would end media campaigns that have

identified alleged paedophiles.

There should not be a general broadcasting of names and addresses unless the risk assessment shows that it is needed." he said.

Under the guidelines, if an offender is living near a school, a day nursery or a playgroup, police will be able to tell the local education authority, the head teacher or the playgroup leader.

Police could also step in if an offender was helping with running a youth group by informing the church authorities or governing body.

The announcement was welcomed by the Association of Chief Police Officers. It said that decisions must be taken

case by case.
Under the Sex Offenders Act, which comes into force on September I, offenders convicted or cautioned for a range of sex offences will have to tell the police where they live and when they move. If they fail to register, they face a six-month jail sentence and or a £5,000 line. The offences covered by the Act include rape, sexual intercourse with a girl under the age of 13, incest by a man. buggery, indecent assault between men, indecent assault on a man and assault with intent to commit buggery.

The National Association of Probation Officers said that there were serious limitations to the register. Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary, said "Many [paedophiles] have changed their identities on several occasions, yet the onus would be on the offender to register any change of circumstances with the police. Given the devious nature of the offending, in many instances this will not happen."

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#### Prescott orders visa inquiry

John Prescott has ordered an avestigation into why five young African priests have been refused visas to visit

The Deputy Prime Minister telephoned BBC Radio 4 be-fore 7am after hearing a report on the Foreign Office decision to refuse visas to the 

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## Thunder to clear the air - briefly

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

THUNDERSTORMS are expected to bring relief from the heat and humidity in the South and West of England today and tomorrow, but sweltering conditions are forecast to return by the end of the

Yesterday was the fifth consecutive day on which tem-peratures reached the upper 80s fahrenheit. Malvern in Hereford and Worcester was hottest yesterday at 31.9C

On the East Anglian coast, the high temperatures and warm seas have led to an invasion of orange compass jellylish, which can give a painful sting. Holidaymakers

along a 100-mile stretch have been given a warning to take Gorleston, near Great Yarmouth, were treated for stings in the last week.

The jellyfish, which are quite common in British waters, can still deliver a sting even when washed ashore. In France, three people have died in violent storms which swept the country on Sunday evening and yesterday mornng, causing extensive damage and forcing drenched holiday makers to evacuate over 20 camping sites threatened by flooding.

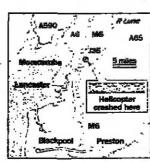
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# Two die in helicopter crash

By PAUL WILKINSON

TWO men died when their helicopter crashed in flames beside the M6 last night. Parts of a rotorblade was scattered across the motorway at Nether Kellet, near Lancaster, but no vehicles were hit by the

flying debris. First reports said the Bell Jet Ranger, chartered from a company in Mexborough, South Yorkshire, was on fire as it fell upside down in a field beside the M6. It came down near the Junction 35 exit to Carnforth Sarah Mason, who saw the



crash, said: "I saw the helicopter in the air. Suddenly it nosedived. The blades came off. There was no loud explosion. more a muffled thud. The

blades fell to the ground, some on the motorway itself. People were so lucky they were not hit

as they drove along.

The engine had definitely stopped as it was falling to the ground. Then it burst into flames. There were black bits flying everywhere."

Lancashire police said: "Debris from the helicopter spread all over the place. One of the fatalities was thrown on impact and at least one other person has died.

They said that the helicopter out aerial surveys of gas

## Executive travel blighted by mobile fixation

BY ALAN HAMILTON

A COMBINATION of insecurity and self-importance is driving more and more executives to submit to electronic tagging when they take their annual holiday. In short, they refuse to switch off their mobile phones.

The result is additional stress for the user, who is either rung by their employers with footling problems, or who rings them to ensure that they are still a vital cog in the works. Other, more sensible, holidaymakers suffer the fallout of electronic warbling disturbing the peace of the Spanish beach, the Tuscan olive grove, or the French gite rurale.

Experts in secess regard it as bad

news for all concerned. Professor Cary Cooper, a psychologist at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, yesterday urged people to leave their phones at home. The whole point of having a holiday is to get away," he said. "Being

contacted on a mobile phone can be doubly stressful if you are unable to solve the problem. It is not just a momentary disturbance; you go on worrying and the stress builds up. Employees weighed down by insecurity were increasingly reluctant to lose contact with their offices, while

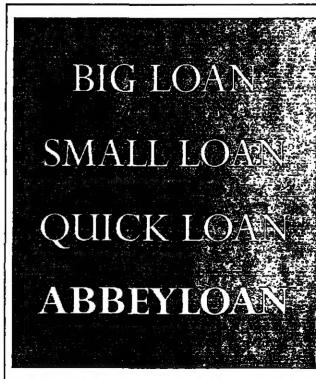
others actually wanted to be contacted, to make them feel important. But there are those, especially owners of small businesses, who feel that without constant contact with mission control, they would feel unable to go on holiday at all. Everyone needs to recharge their batteries, but a lot of people who run their own businesses don't want to delegate," David Hands, of the Federation of Small Businesses, said.

Cellnet, the major mobile phone service provider part-owned by BT, confirmed yesterday that more and more Britons were taking their phones abroad. Calls made on the GSM network, which allows a mobile phone to be used outside its home country, had risen by 151 per cent in the past two years, with particular increases in summer traffic between Britain, Spain and Portugal

Travel agents might like to consider promoting those parts of the world becoming fewer by the day - where

mobile phones will not work. Surprisingly, large swaths of the United States are still blackspots for European mobile phones, unless the owner has specialist equipment. Large parts of eastern Turkey towards the Iranian border remain happily out of touch, but are somewhat undesir-

able for family holidays. The Amazon jungle and much of Africa are still out of range, as is the Greenland icecap and most of mainland China. But there is no need to go quite so far, parts of rural Wales and many a remote Scottish glen remain out of electronic contact.



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# Prescott announces visa review on radio phone-in

The Deputy Prime Minister shows who is running the shop in Tony Blair's absence, report

#### Andrew Pierce and Ruth Gledhill

extraordinary public intervention in Foreign Office affairs yesterday when he ordered an investigation into why five young African priests have been refused visas to visit

In a move designed to underline the fact that he was "minding the shop" in Tony Blair's absence, the Deputy Prime Minister telephoned the BBC Radio 4 Today programme after hearing a report on the Foreign Office decision to refuse visas to the Roman Catholic priests who are studying for doctorates at Louven, the Catholic university in Belgium.

Shortly afterwards, he announced over the air in an decision after hearing that the visits had been standard pracrise for years to provide holiday relief for hard-pressed

British priests. Mr Prescott was in his ministerial chauffeur-driven car when he heard the 6.45am news item on the programme. Five minutes later he telephoned the BBC to express his concern. He was called back within minutes by Rod Liddle, the programme's deputy editor, to arrange an interview.

Mr Prescott's impulsive decision to pick up the telephone revived memories of Margaret Thatcher's Downing Street call to the studio in December. 1988 at 6.30am to express her concern at the Armenian earthquake. As John Humprhys speculated on air that Lady Thatcher may have

JOHN PRESCOTT made an that Mr Gorbachev's planned trip to Britain might be delayed, he rapidly got his answer. She was on the telephone pointing out that she had not known because the Foreign Office had not told

> Mr Prescott had a similar effect on Mr Liddle, who was duty junior producer when Lady Thatcher's call came through. The schedule was duly rearranged and 40 min-utes later Mr Prescott, who has been irked by reports that Peter Mandelson, who is not a member of the Cabinet had been running the show, announced an investigation.

However, Mr Prescott mindful of the edict about interviews being cleared in advance, spoke to Downing Street before he went on air. A Downing Street spokesman denied that he had sought advice. "John Prescott knows he can co-ordinate govern-ment stories himself." he said.

Mr Prescott told the programme that he was con-cerned by the decision to bar the priests, who were invited by the Shrewsbury diocese as supply priests for a month. The decision not to issue visas has led to one church cancelling weekday services.

Mr Prescott, who is responsible for environment and transport issues, said: "There might be a perfectly good reason but I'm not yet satisfied that there is. I shall ask for the papers this morning to see if there is anything more that could have been done. "I'm sure that my colleagues

who deal with these matters



Prescott's early morning call to the Today programme shows he is running the shop in Tony Blair's absence

give their full attention to them but sometimes there can be a slip between cup and lip. If this story is right, there seems to be a certain amount of injustice. Quite frankly, I can't see why that [the refusal

of entry should happen." Canon Brendan Hoban, rural dean and priest at the Sacred Heart parish in Walla-

sey, the Wirral, said the decision to refuse visas had caused huge problems. "People were" rushed in from everywhere to take Mass. Men who were in poor health already had extreme worries and pressures put on them. People panicked, rang round, trying to find priests to fill in for these students who were expected

but never arrived." The Foreign Office said the decision to refuse visas was being urgently reviewed by the British consul, who was contacting the applicants for more information about the purpose of their visit. "If, as a result, he is satisfied that their applications now fall within the immigration rules, visas will be issued," the Foreign Office said. Fr John Bosco Ekanem, one of the priests denied entry. who had visited Britain twice before, said in a letter to a priest in Shrewsbury diocese that they were no longer allowed to deputise for priests on holiday. "This, in their view, is coming to work without work permits," he wrote.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Fears of last-minute university scramble

Worries about a squeeze on the last "free" university places were intensified yesterday when admissions officials said 20,000 fewer places would be available in clearing than last

year (David Charter writes).

A far higher proportion of the 295,000 courses have been filled compared to this time last year, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service said. By yesterday, 95,155 students had been confirmed on courses for this October. compared to 77.683 at this stage last year. With forecasts of a late rush from up to 90,000 students who would otherwise take a "gap year", the filling of vacancies after Thursday's A-level results is set to be the most hectic on record.

The first signs of that rush were shown by a trebling of last minute applications. More than 4,000 people have joined the hunt for places in recent days, compared to 1.300 in the same period last year. Education, page 37

#### Trident protesters dig in

Anti-nuclear protesters at Britain's oldest peace camp are preparing for imminent eviction by chaining themselves to concrete lockins in case of a raid by Argyll and Bute Council. The campaigners at the 15-year-old Faslane Peace Camp in Helensburgh, opposite the Faslane Naval Base which houses Trident submarines, are determined to oppose the council which has ordered them to quit.

#### Mother found murdered

Police were last night hunting the killer of a woman with a mental age of ten whose body was found dumped in a stream under an old bed. Patricia Grainger, 25, who had a five year old son, had been stabbed, strangled and sexually assaulted. She lived at home with her parents on the Par-son's Cross council estate in Sheffield, close to where her fully clothed body was discovered by two boys out playing.

#### Doncaster suspension

The head of Doncaster council's planning department has become the latest person to be suspended as part of an inquiry. No allegations of fraud or corruption have been made against David Ellis, but he has been accused of weakness in the face of pressures from councillors and of asking junior officials to temper their concerns about the number of green-belt sites being earmarked for housing.

#### Woman raped in Cyprus

Cypriot hospital last night after being raped and left on a street in the coastal resort of Kyrenia. Police said a taxi driver had been arrested. The woman, understood to be from Northern Ireland and to work in an hotel, was found semi-conscious on Sunday morning. Doctors at the Akcieck Hospital confirmed she had been raped.

#### Camelot sues bookies

Camelot, the National Lottery operator, launched a legal challenge yesterday against three leading bookmakers in an attempt to stop them taking part in a rival numbers game. Camelot claim that the 49s scheme, promoted by William Hill. Coral and Ladbrokes is illegal as it contravenes the 1993 National Lotteries Act which states that there must be only one National Lottery in Britain.

#### Footballer convicted

Carlton Palmer, 31, the former England soccer player, was convicted yesterday for the second time in a week for events arising from a night out clubbing with his Leeds United team-mates. He was found guilty of disorderly conduct and fined £450 and ordered to pay £190 costs. Last Tuesday he was convicted by city magistrates of indecently assaulting an 18-year-old girl in a bar.

#### Man survives 80ft fall

A man who fell 80ft down a cliff, and lay badly injured on a ledge in searing heat for almost two days, was rescued by holidaymakers who at first thought his shouts for kelp were the cries of seagulis. Robert Campbell, 28, from Norwich, told rescuers that he fell off the cliff at Cromer, Norfolk, on Thursday evening. He suffered multiple fractures and was yesterday recovering in hospital.

#### Success for Russia link

Britain's new Moscow-based Costons investigator has scored his first success after a joint operation led to the discovery of 440lb of cocaine and the arrest of seven members of a Russian mafia gang. The senior investigator. whose identity is being kept secret for security reasons, began work this summer. Part of his role is to act as the link between British and Russian operations.

#### Climber snubs chapatis

Alan Hinkes the mountaineer obliged to postpone his attempt to become the first Briton to climb the world's 14 highest peaks when he sneezed on the flour coating a chapati and injured his back, arrived back in Britain yesterday and vowed: "I'll never eat another chapati in my life." The 43 year-old climber from Northallerton, North Yorkshire, then tucked into a meal of fish and chips.

#### Home-school contracts only 'a goodwill gesture' refuse admission if parents ignore policy on pupil behaviour and punc-ment for Education and Employment should be, then schools should have

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

HEAD teachers yesterday demanded the right to ban pupils whose parents refuse to sign a contract promising to follow school rules on discipline and

Their call came after an unexpected decision by ministers to repeal legislation that allows schools to

move means that while schools will be required to produce contracts for every pupil, heads will be powerless if a parent refuses to sign one.

Under the proposals, set out in a White Paper last month, every school governing body will discuss the details of home-school contracts with parents. The document will set out aims to achieve.

Ministers said, however, it should not be used as part of the school admission process, as stated in the previous Government's Education Act 1997. Instead, parents are to be given a "reasonable time" to sign the contract, with no sanctions if they do not. A spokeswoman at the Depart-

Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "This makes it very difficult for heads when they are faced with parents who are unwilling to sign a contract. If the Government wants to make home-school contracts stan-

dard practice, and we believe they

the contracts. The Government's tuality, and the standards the school described the contracts as "a non-the right to refuse admission to enforceable goodwill gesture". David parents who are refusing to sign." Baroness Blackstone, Education Minister, said: "For too long, many parents and teachers have not known what the relationship between home and school should be and what each has a right to expect. Home-school contracts will set clear expectations for parents, schools and pupils."

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## 'Riotous' Italian passengers are left at airport by pilot

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

AN ENTIRE planeload of passengers bound for Sicily said by the airline to include 150 excitable and angry (talians - were left at Gatwick vesterday after the captain refused to accept their "riotous" behaviour. The British captain of the

Sabre Airways Boeing 727 refused to carry any of the 187 passengers on board, many of whom were shouting and swearing about a long delay and a change in their route. The problems began as the

plane was preparing to leave the departure gate when a warning light indicated a failure of a hydraulic pump. This led to an enforced change to their final destination which

proved too much for some passengers. Everyone — including 35 apparently innocent Britons -

was ordered off the jet and police arrested one 37-year-old Italian. The jet then took off for Sicily without any

The jet had been chartered by italian tour operator LAI Travel. which specialises in obtaining cheap seats for Italian waiters, restaurant owners and other workers living in Britain to return to their homes during the summer. Most of the Italians had planned to return to Palermo. where the aircraft was scheduled to land before heading on to Catania. But the delay

caused by fitting a new pump meant the flight crew would exceed their maximum working hours unless the flight was terminated at Palermo.

Anyone wanting to go on to Catania would have to spend a further two hours on a 75-mile coach journey.
Sabre said passengers

angry at not being taken on to Catania were standing in their seats screaming abuse at the crew while those who simply wanted either to go Palermo were shouting back and telling them to sit down.
The Italians finally left at

midnight last night, nearly 41 hours late. The man who was arrested was released with a

#### Greenpeace duo in oil rig protest

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

TWO Greenpeace campaigners were spending their second night chained to the BP oil platform Stena Dee more than 50 miles off Orkney last night in a protest at oil exploration in the Atlantic. BP said the "dangerous" protest had prevented the mobile drilling platform from contin-uing its journey from Norway to the Foinaven oil field.

The platform, which has 81 workers on board, was originally stopped on Saturday when seven Greenpeace activists boarded it. The two remaining protesters, both German, are perched about 40 ft above the sea on a leg of the platform, and have food to last four or five days.

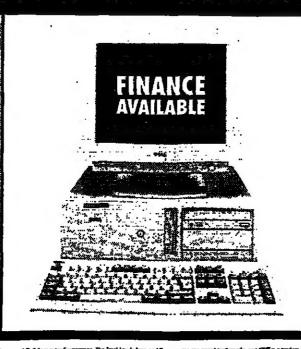
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# It's no joke as Essex decides to get serious

Council says the gags must stop so England's most reviled

county can attract investors, reports Michael Horsnell

THE unfortunate image of Essex Man and his highheeled moll ar a pair of feckless Philistines is under mining investment opportunities in the county...

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S IN ERIEF

Overseas investors are put off business development in the land of the three seares when they hear jokes from competing locations about Essex girls having more shoes than books, according to a county council report.

Immediate action is to be taken by the council after concern in the business community that Essex should defend itself against its reput-ation as the county that fell off the back of a loury.

Terry Conder, head of the enterprise and international relations department, said: move their businesses into an area that is perceived to be offering poor quality, and if their perception of Esser is a negative one the county is likely to be passed over as a potential relocation size.

"Since it is also true that a poor image can have a negative impact on self expectation and could easily lead to Essex businesses failing to realise their full potential, our image and the Essex jokes are something that we should all take

more seriously."

An unhealthy image featuring "white socks, furry dice and a black market economy damages the reputation of its workforce, he added. The county, which is big enough to maintain an office in Brussels, is to counter the adverse propaganda with an advertis-ing campaign. Adverts will appear in the national and foreign press to promote a Essex as a county in which to

live, work and do business". Meanwhile posters will go up at Stansted airport with photographs of a picturesque country road and a hi-tech office. The skills of staff at the Ford plant at Dagenham although now in east London, it remains the spiritual heart

of Essex mythology — will be presented as a high quality

Mr Conder's report in the economic development magazine Enterprising Essex, illustrated by a pair of white stiletto shoes, follows a business seminar hosted by the county's chief executive Stewart Ashurst. ..

Local commercial interests spoke of a common perception of Essex as a poor place in which to live and work, and the need to challenge this if its

image were not to have an Mr Conder added: "It is completely unfair. We have two excellent universities, six

other colleges and growing success in high quality industrial and commercial activities. This is the image we need to present." Essex has long been regarded by its devotees as a county

of two halves: the concrete industrial south-east exemplified by Basildon Man and the archetypal MP for Billericay, Teresa Gorman; and the rest, picturesque countryside. Dick Turpin, the highway man, did not help the county?

reputation, but since his time the county progeny have in-cluded A. A. Milne; Augustus John: Edith Cavell; Samuel Pepys as MP for Harwich; Elizabeth Fry, the prison reformer, Captain Lawrence Oates of Scott's Antarctic expedition, and the surgeon Joseph

Among the county's proudest boasts are: Colchester, the oldest recorded town in Britain, Chelmsford from where Marconi made the first radio broadcast, the world's oldest wooden church (1063AD) at Greensted, and Southend, which boasts the

world's longest pier.
But Terry Marsh, former IBF world light-welterweight boxing champion, from Basildon, said: This revelation about the need for a new Essex Man image will only make people laugh at us."



A baby's toy and clothing on the pavement with the pushchair hood after the crash

## Runaway car kills mother, injures baby

son was critically injured vesterday when they were hit by a gone out of control after the Socar-old driver collapsed and died at the wheel,

Police said Jill Wilson. 34. was walking next to a main road, in Fleet, Hampshire. when she was struck by the bonnet of the car. Her fourmonth-old son. Anthony, was thrown out of his pushchair as it was dragged 150 yards down the road.

His two-year-old visier, Victoria, who was walking alongside the pushchair, escaped unhurt. She was disowered. in tears, calling for her

Witnesses said the Triumph Dolomite car, driven by Winifred Fletcher, left a straight stretch of Reading Road South, hit the pushchair, then returned to the road where it

George Evans, who lives near by, said he heard a loud bang and went to see what happened: "There was a youngish woman lying in the mad, a van by the postbox and a car near by too. I remember seeing a pram as well." A woman who ran from her

home after hearing a screech of brakes said: "The baby who had been in a buggy was very seriously injured and the driver was also dead

Barbara Lawson, 63, said: All I could hear was the sound

A WOMAN died and her baby of a young child screaming and screaming and I just onuldn't bear to look."

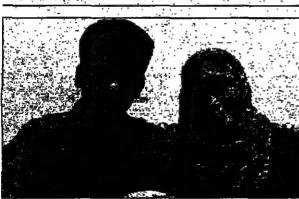
Mrs Wilson's husband, Jan. said he could not believe what had happened: "I am rushing to he by my son's bedside. have been told by police that he is very, very prorty. When the accident happened I was at work and I believe my wife and children were making their way back home from

The family home is a few hundred yards from the crash site. Joan Wathens, 74, a passenger in the car, was slightly hurt and the van driver was treated for shock.

Adrian Mausz, of Surrey Ambulance Service, said: "The mother and the pushchair had both been carried some distance down the road. Unfortunately, despite our efforts, the elderly lady and the mother died at the scene,"

The haby was initially taken to Frimley Park Hospital, at Camberley, Surrey, but later transferred to a head injuries unit at King's College Hospital, London. He was said last night to have muttiple injuries.

Mrs Wilson was a driving instructor who ran her own business from her home, and was off work after the birth of Anthony, A neighbour, Gar-eth Palmer, said: "She was a brilliant person who always had a joke, or a smile on her



Sarah Cook with her "husband", Musa Komeagac

## Child 'bride' says marriage is over

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

SARAH COOK, the Essex "What sort of Muslim are schoolgirl who went off to marry the 18-year-old Turkish waiter she had met on holiday, announced the relationship was over in a public quarrel with her "husband" broadcast live on Turkish television.

Speaking by telephone from her home in Braintree, Sarah accused Musa Komeagac of failing to send money to support their ten-month-old son Mohammed and of being unfaithful to her. Komeagac, who married Sarah in Turkey according to a legally invalid religious ceremony when she was 13, protested his faithfulriess. "I love you, baby," he repeated, in the Istanbul tele-

vision studio. Sarah, who had converted to Islam at his family's request, refused to be mollified.

. In Mr Komeagac's hometown of Kahramanmaras, Sarah had been adopted as "the nation's bride" and held up as an example for her willingness to cover her head in Islamic fashion and lead a simple life in the home of her in-laws. When she was returned to Britain in February 1996, after the High Court made her a ward of court, much of the Islamic press in Turkey claimed that the authorities in Britain were motivated not by concern for that the girl had rejected her

Western upbringing.

Mr Komeagac still faces charges in Turkey of statutory rape in a series of court hearings that have dragged on since February 1996.

#### **Body of** missing girl, 13, is found

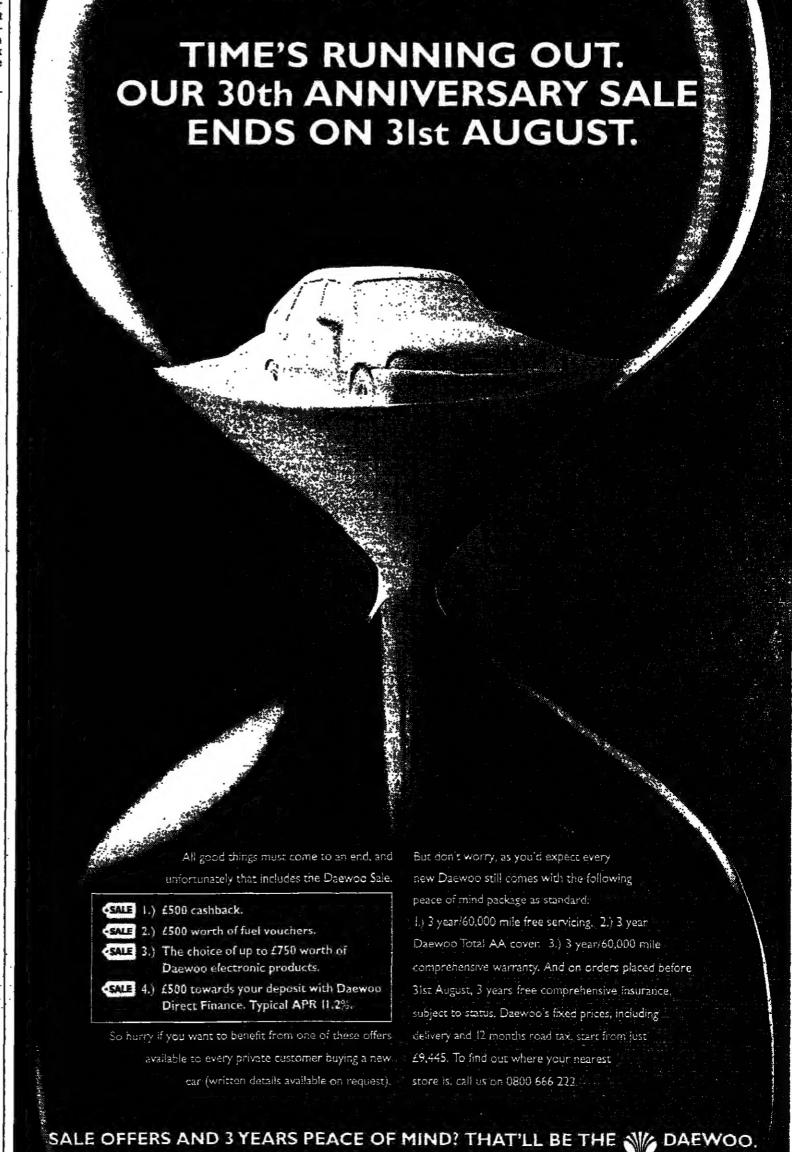
By STEWART TENDLER

THE body of a missing 13-year-old girl has been found with head injuries in scrubland behind a Birmingham public house, police said yesterday. Jessica Downes, from Oldbury, went missing last Friday after leaving home to go to swimming baths.

Detective Superintendent David Unwin, who is in charge of the inquiry, said that Jessica's death was being treated as suspicious and could have been murder. He said that her body was fully clothed and there were no signs of a sexual assault. A blue Reebok rucksack she was carrying when she left home

Mr Unwin said that her body was found on Sunday night while a fight between youths at another public house opposite the Royal Oak was taking place. Several people were arrested and during the brawl a man in the area told officers that he had

Although he stayed to help police he left without giving his name and yesterday police asked him to contact them. Police are keeping an open mind about whether the discovery of the body and the



## Fans flock to Graceland for candle-lit Elvis vigil

By PETER FOSTER, MARK HENDERSON AND TUNKU VARADARAJAN

THOUSANDS of Elvis faus and impersonators are making a pilgrimage to Graceland to commemo rate the 20th anniversary of the singer's death this

Four British couples are to marry in an Elvis style "Hawaiian Blue" ceremony after the festivities in Memphis. They will join more than 100,000 fans at Graceland, the Presley mansion in Tennessee where "the king" is buried. He was 42 when he died. A candle light vigil will be tield outside the estate's

tes on Friday night.... The Official Elvis Presley Fan Club of Great Britain has hired 20 luxury coaches have paid El,600 for the trip



will then travel to Los Angeles and Hawaii. Passengers at Gatwick can expect to see scores of Elvis impersonators in the departure lounges this week as the exodus to Graceland

gathers pace. Northwest

Airlines, which flies direct to Memphis, has sold more than 5,000 seats on special flights. For £550, passengers can expect a lively sing-song and Elvis movies. British Elvis fans left

behind will not be lonesome on Saturday and Sunday. Fan clubs are holding Elvis parties across the country. the biggest in London at the Forum in Kentish Town and the Equinox in Leicester Square.

Weeks before he died, a

drugged Elvis rang President Carter at the White House and asked him to help a friend he believed was in trouble. The New Yorker has reported. The magazine said Mr Carter tried to calm Elvis's fears that he was being "shad-owed" and that his friend was being framed.

## Irish pilgrims pray opportunity knocks for Dana

Audrey Magee on an unusual presidential campaign

AN ANNUAL pilgrimage of prayer turned into a political rally yesterday when hunof Roman Catholics asked God to make Dana, a former winner of the Eurovision Song Contest, the next President of Ireland.

Pilgrims from both sides of the Irish border travelled to the Knock shrine in Co Mayo as part of a national campaign of prayer to have Dana - real succeed Mary Robinson. Mrs Robinson stands down on September 12 to become the UN Commissioner for Hu-

Many came from Belfast. As UK citizens they are not entitled to vote in the Irish election, but they see Dana as a candidate who would restore Christian values in the

They came with leaflets calling on people to pray for



Dana: won support for

as they travelled by bus. Colm Trimble, from Whiteabbey in Belfast, said Dana encapsulated all that was good about Christianity. "She is a very

eaceful and calm woman and internationally renowned for that — not just for singing. When it comes to being President of Ireland she will be Al."

Mr Trimble and other Dana supporters prayed for her success during a mass in Knock basilica celebrated by Kevin Scallon, brother-in-law of the singer. Traces of Dana can be found everywhere in Knock: tapes of her music are on sale in the trinket shops and a Golden Rose sits behind glass to commemorate the occasion when she sang for Pope John Paul during his visit to Knock in 1979. However, organisers were

reticent about the use by the political lobbyists of the shrine described their presence as overt politics that has nothing to do with prayers and pilgrims in Knock".



Hundreds of pilgrims from both sides of the border prayed at a mass held in Knock for Dana to become the next president of Ireland

terred, determined to push as hard as they could to lobby 20 members of the Irish Parliament, or four local authorities, to vote for Dana — the backing she needs to stand. However, in a recent telephone poll in the Republic, only 4 per cent of

Joe Brennan, an independent Galway councillor lobbyadmitted defeat yesterday. He will table a motion that Galway County Council nominates Dana, but concedes he is

The main political parties in dent or will put forward their own candidates. Albert Reynolds, the former Fianna Fail leader, wrote to party mem-

bers asking them to back him. sychiatrist and director of St

Irish Catholic Right to secure a strong foothold in Irish politics. Most people are not the Jimmy Goldsmith of the

her husband and four children, could become the next Professor Anthony Clare, Britain

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will fund Sinn Fein in talks

BRITISH taxpayers will sub-sidise Sinn Fein to the tune of tens of thousands of pounds as t argues for a united ireland in full-scale peace negotiations

opening next month. The IRA's political wing is assembling a formidable team talks, which it sees as the first republican movement and the British Government since Ireland's partition in 1924. A substantial portion of Sain Fein's costs during the eight months of talks will be defrayed by the British and Irish govern-ments as will those of all the

other participating parties. In addition to its negotiators, the IRA's political wing is lining up legal advisers, ad-ministrators, researchers, specialists, a press and publicity unit and other support staff. "We are treating the talks process with the greatest seri-cusness," said Richard Mo-Auley, the Sinn Fein spokesman. The party was considering what we need to put in place to make maximum use and get maximum benefit from these negotiations. Our intention is to be as well.

prepared as we can be."

Each delegate or negotiator will receive a £100 daily allowance for a minimum of four hours' work. Sinn Fein's 17. elected delegates would pass. this money straight on to the party, Mr McAuley said.

in addition, each political party can claim a research grant of up to £6,000 per quarter, a support grant of £300 for each day of actual negotiations, and travel and subsistence allowances for its elected delegates and back-up staff. An official at the Northem Ireland Office remarked:

that the benefits to Northern Irefand of a settlement agreed at the talks, table will far

supplement this public money After two days of political meetings in Washington, the NIPs Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, and Martin McGuinness, its chief negotia-tor, and Caoimhghin O Caolain, a member of the Dail, will attend fundraising events in New York before they split up and visit the Irish-American communities of Chicago, Boston and San Francisco.

... The total price of peace for the British taxpayer is likely to be millions of pounds; six months of preliminary talks last year, which did not involve Sinn Fein, as the IRA had not renewed its ceasefire. cost well over £1 million. The Army relaxed another

security precaution yesterday, two weeks into the latest IRA truce, sending patrols out onto the streets of West Belfast in regimental berets instead of helmets. Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, welcomed the gesture as a sign of increasing confidence" and part of a "steady return to nermality which will continue, providing the level of threat and events on the

ground allowit" Security sources say the only discernible threat to British troops at present comes from a republican splinter group called the Continuity



With security relaxed as a result of the IR

# Tabloids in deep water: a three-step guide to throwing ethics overboard

THE Press Complaints Commission was urged to review its code of practice yesterday after a tabloid newspaper fooled millions of readers with

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a take photograph of Diana. Princess of Wales, on holiday with Dodi Fayed. The front-page photograph, trumpeted in The Mirror as Exclusive: the picture they all wanted, was electronically enhanced to make it look as if the couple were about to kiss. Mirror sources insisted the offending image had been changed by only one millimetre, but in the newspaper's original picture. Mr Fayed's head faced away from

the Princess, in the pictures on the right, The Times demonstrates how easy image ma-nipulation has become with the use of computers. Gerald Kaufman, chairman

of the House of Commons Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee, said the PCC code of practice should be updated to give editors specific guidance about the use of photographs He said: This is an issue which needs to be addressed. It is the duty of a newspaper to let its readers know when a photograph has been doctored.

The code of practice was compiled in the days when the photographs was rare. Now it is possible to change a photo in any way you like. It would be very wise if the PCC considered amending

Stuart Higgins, Editor of The Sun, described The Mirror's actions as a "cynical deception" and called for the PCC code to be rewritten immediately. Mr Higgins added: The code should be amended so that any newspaper that doctors a picture should make it clear that they have done so. The old adage we have lived and died by is that the camera never lies. But it seems newspapers do."

Piers Morgan, Editor of The Mirror, used an original, undoctored version of a photograph of the couple on Thursday last week. Two days later, after losing out in a £250,000 bidding war to his Sunday stablemate, he apparently decided to after it for Saturday's edition.

Mr Morgan's decision appears to have been tacitly ery. Mirror Group's chief executive, who objected to a

In the wake of fake photographs of the Princess of Wales, Carol Midgley on calls

for a tighter code of conduct

Kiss" and told the editor to change it to "Hot Lips".

A Mirror Group spokesman criticised The Guardian newspaper, which devoted an entire page to the picture tampering. The spokesman added: "It is ironic that The Guardian should be raising an issue about photo tampering when it managed to remove an entire human being

from a recent photograph of

Gordon Brown outside Num-

ber 11 on Budget day."

The Mirror picture had been supplied by the Rex photographic agency which supplies pictures to newspa-pers. It was taken by a French photographer during the Princess's holiday with Mohamed Al Fayed weeks earlier. Rex confirmed the original was one of a number it sent to The Mirror and other papers on Wednesday last week, when news first broke of the Princess's friendship with

Mr Al Fayed's son One expert who saw the original picture said yesterday: "If you reverse the head

A spokesman for the PCC said no complaints had been made about the photographs on the matter. For the commis sion to investigate one of the principal people involved in the picture — the Princess or Mr Fayed — would have to make a formal complaint.

On Sunday, the Govern-ment ruled out the introduction of a privacy law. Peter Mandelson, Minister without Portfolio, conceded the photographs were "intrusive and unwelcome" but added: "The problem of having an allencompassing privacy law being introduced by Parliament is the protection it gives to those who don't merit

"I would hate to see the day when the British press are prevented from exposing that wrongdoing because oftentimes it is only the press who can do that job."

The scramble for exclusive rights to the holiday pictures also prompted the News of the World to try a similar trick. Its front page showed the Princess apparently kissing Mr Fayed Readers were told the image had been "created" only when they turned to page 3.

The Sunday Mirror, which carried the first genuine exclusive pictures of the couple kissing, claimed yesterday that it had raised its circulation by 300,000, or 13 per cent, on Sunday. The paper increased its price by 5p and printed 2.8 million copies, 20 



STEP ONE: original photograph by a Big Pictures photographer of the Princess, a crew member, and Dodi Fayed



STEP TWO: The Times gets to work, removing the crew member from the shot and restoring the background

## Changing photographs is child's play

THE camera has always lied and the computer is a willing accomplice. Time was forced to apologise in June 1994 after it published a darkened police mugshot of O.J. Simpson on its front cover shortly. after the death of his wife. The magazine used a computer to make the former American football player seem blacker and with more stubble than in the identical picture used by

its rival Newsweek. Black groups said that the picture played on white fears of stereotypes of violent African-Americans. Time

racial implication was intended Modern computer technology has made manipulation child's play for anyone with a home computer and £500 Adobe Photoshop software.

used legitimately by photographers to trim pictures, remove blemishes and balance colours. Pictures are stored digitally on a

computer disk and can be electronically airbrushed by a sweep of the computer mouse. However, long before Photoshop, trickery was carried out for financial and political gain - or just plain mischiel In 1917, two schoolgirls fooled



The Cottingley fairies picture that fooled experts worldwide

anhic experts unridwide with the Cottingley fairies, apparently play-ing in a Yorkshire dell. Elsie Wright and her cousin Frances Griffiths drew the fairies in sepia on card, the pictures with a cheap box camera, admitting the hoax only

Soviet leaders were early masters of the art. A newsreel still of Lenin addressing the Red Army in May 1920 was doctored to remove Stalin's rival Trotsky from the wooden platform, and Stalin's propaganda experts faked another picture to show him sitting alongside his apparent friend and mentor Lenin. in December 1994 London's Eve-

ning Standard newspaper removed a beer bottle from a picture of John Prescott and his wife Pauline, leaving just wine glasses on a table in nt of them above a caption "champagne socialists".

## Ministers study proposal to open clubs on Sunday By Richard Ford, home correspondent

NIGHTCLUBS would be able to open on Sundays under proposals being studied by Home Office ministers. The entertainment industry has put forward a plan to end the 1780 Sunday Observance Act that prevents clubs selling tickets for dancing on the

sabbath. But the proposal will be resisted by groups opposed to eroding the special status of Sunday. It is likely they will lobby in Parliament for any further changes to be introduced by Parliament rather than by ministerial order - as has occurred under previous

changes to licensing laws. Many clubs get round the ban by operating as a restaurant, giving free buffet meals to guests and claiming that

they have paid for them. A Home Office spokesman said last night: "The industry has asked us to look again at Sunday dancing and we are

An attempt last year to reform the Act's dancing provisions failed because the House of Lords believes any change should be introduced

by primary legislation, involv-ing full debate in both Houses of Parliament Last night Michael

Schluter, director of the Keep Sunday Special Campaign. said that stringent safeguards would be needed to ensure that clubbers did not wreck other people's Sundays. He said: "If people want to dance on a Sunday, that's fine, but they should not be allowed to people who want to keep their Sunday a special day for peace and quiet and their families."

John Roberts, general secretary of the Lord's Day Observance Society, voiced strong opposition to any change. He warned: "Opening nightclubs on Sundays would mean more noise, drinking, accidents and fighting, all of which are already endemic to the sort of society which we are

Peter Stringfellow, owner of Stringfellows nightclub in central London, said he doubted that people would go "crazy" for Sunday dancing in London, although it might be different outside the capital.

### Prince's son goes under cover at Balmoral

THE Prince of Wales and his sons left the Royal Yacht *Britannia* in the Hebrides yesterday for the start of their annual summer stav at Balmoral. Prince Charles gave a

phers as he strode down a gangplank on to Islay, but his elder son appeared unimpressed by their presence. Putting his hands to his face, Prince William, 15, walked close-ly behind his father on to he harbourside.

The young Prince is known to be wary of photographers and shares his mother's distress at the almost continuous presence of paparazzi outside Kensington Palace.

The Princess, who re-turned on Sunday night from her visit to landmine victims in Bospia, was said to be relaxed about publication at the weekend of photographs showing her embracing Dodi Fayed. There has been no complaint or comment from her office about invasion of privacy since the long-lens photographs

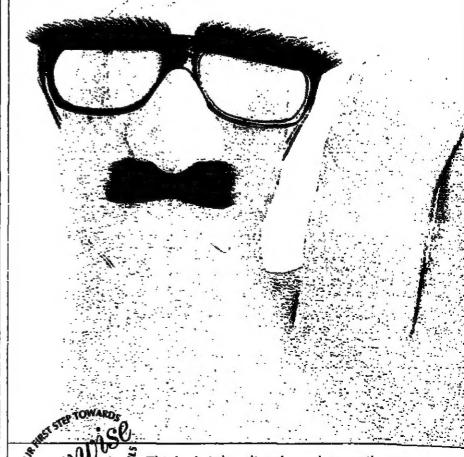
appeared.
The Princess, who was at Kensington Palace yesterday, is not due to un-dertake her next official engagement until next month. Mr Fayed, 41. Al Fayed owns Harrods. spent yesterday at his desk in the store's product development department. He is due to leave for his home in Los Angeles at the end of this week.

During a weekend in Paris last month, Mr Fayed took the Princess to the former Paris home of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, which is owned by his father. Speculation that the Princess and Mr Fayed might live at the chateau if they married was dismissed as "ridiculously premature" friends yesterday.

An hour after Prince William and Prince Harry left Britannia, their Beatrice and Eugenic, were helped aboard by their father, the Duke of York. The Duke of Edinburgh and Viscount and Viscountess Linley joined them for a cruise around

The Prince of Wales and his sons then left by car for Balmoral, where they hope to be free of





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# Drug companies' loss leaders cost the NHS millions

vice of hundreds of millions of pounds a year by exploiting a severe shortage of hospita

They sell expensive brandname products at huge discounts to hospitals, knowing that patients insist on being prescribed the same drugs by their GPs when they go home. The deal can save hospitals hundreds of thousands of pounds on their drugs bill.

The local chemist, who cannot get discounts anything like as large as those given to hospitals, has to pay much more for the same drug. Discounts vary from place to place. Drugs dispensed in Kensington and Chelsea chemists cost an average of E10.23: those in Sheffield cost E6.87.

The NHS pays the difference. Much cheaper equivalent drugs are usually available. but the chemist cannot substitute them if the doctor has named the expensive brand on the prescription. Buying just 25 of the brand-name drugs Brand names are sold cheaply to

hospitals. The price is paid when the

patient goes home, writes Ian Murray lents cost the NHS over £166 million last year. The national drug bill rose 6.2 per

cent in real terms last year to

£4 billion, with 485 million

prescriptions dispensed. Laurance Buckman, a GP in Finchley, north London, said that it was common practice for big companies to provide hospitals with drugs at huge discounts. A member of the British Medical Association's negotiating team, he is an expert on general practice audit.

"When you work in hospital you are barely aware of the price of drugs so you don't mind which you prescribe," he said. "It is only when you work in the community that you realise how extremely expensive the branded ones can be."

per cent of his prescriptions, he named the cheaper equiva-lent drugs, but he knew that whenever patients came out of hospital he would probably have to put them on the drug prescribed for them there. \*Once you are in practice you are very aware of the cost of drugs and you can get into trouble if you over-prescribe. When a patient comes and tells you the drug he was given by the consultant is doing him good it is almost impossible to get him to agree to a change. It is no point telling him that the cheaper one is just as good

fobbed off." He said that major drug companies gave huge dis-counts to hospitals to make sure their brand names be-

because he thinks he is being

and to beat off competition. "It is not a scandal. These companies are responsible for most of the research into new drugs and they are major exporters which means that they contribute to the economy. They are not a charity but a business and their shareholders expect them to make a

Drug companies can retain a monopoly on drugs they pa-tent for 15 years, during which time they must try to recoup the cost of the research and development on the drug. After that, any firm capable of producing the drug can obtain a licence to do so and undercut the brand-name product.

These generic producers are ready to flood the market with their version of the brandname product on the day the patent expires. When Glasso Wellcome's ulcer cure Zantac lost its patent protection recently, competition among generic producers to win a share of its market drove down the price of its equivalent, ranitifine, by 25 per cent. Zantac, however, costing £27.89 for 60 tablets, retains a dominant

share of the market. Charitable donation another way by which the big producers help to keep their name at the forefront of doc-tors' minds, especially in hospitals. Glaxo Wellcome has donated £1.75 million towards the construction of a pharmacy unit at King's College Hospital in London. Since 1989 it has given £13 million to health-related projects.

No strings are attached to such gifts. "We are committed to being a good corporate citizen, helping to do things in the field where we work," a spokesman said.

The system of discounts for the 4,000 doctors in rural areas who are allowed to dispense is open to abuse and the Government has ordered an inquiry into the way it works. The doctors provide a muchded service for patients who would find difficulty go-ing to a chemist shop for prescriptions. Most of them are completely honest but they are exposed to temptation.

Drugs companies are assumed to give them a 9.57 per cent discount for their supplies, but in reality discounts for them are often as high as 30 per cent. It is quite easy for them to pocket the difference. The NHS Executive found evidence that some doctors had prescribed cheap generic equivalent drugs but charged the NHS for the expensive branded names.



Neil Fingleton, 7ft 412 in and still growing, has a fondness for high-energy foods

#### When gigantism can Amudia : cause big problems

worried about the end of the university grants system. The 16-year-old Middlesbrough schoolboy has already won a scholarship to study at an American univer-

sity for three years. Whereas other adolescents attribute their scholarships to long hours spent studying, he attributes his to a huge appetite, with a fondness for milk, turkey and fruit.

Neil is 7ft 45 in and still growing, qualities which proved irresistible to a university governing body concerned about the future of its basketball team. Most parents would be dismayed by the cost of buying size 14 shoes, the high price of outsize clothes, the need to provide special beds and the amount of food required to fuel an 18st teenager who might even make 8ft.

Very tall people themselves fortable and are socially embarrassed when they tower over their contemporaries. Unusually tall children are often permanently damaged by the social and emotional problems of their height but doctors are also concerned for their physical health.

Photographs of Neil Fingleton show him to be reasonably proportioned, and since he has a 6ft 8in brother and 6ft 2in sister his beight may be no more than a benign family characteristic, displayed to the full in Neil's case because of his enormous appetite for nourishing, high-energy food.

The familial tendency to great height, accompanied by long, spidery limbs, without evidence of any disease, runs **IVI**EDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

one or more of the features of acromegaly, whether it is the heavy, protuberant jaw, en-

larged internal organs, changes in the skin or even

signs of the heart disease and

hypertension which will trou-

ble them in later life. Most of the famous Victorian giants suffered from the production

of excessive growth hormone and most failed to live be-

One of the more common

causes of excess height, also

associated with long gan-ging arms, huge hands and long, spidery lingers is Martan's syndrome As this

is a genetic disorder it is usually found that other

members of a family are also

Usually when a family is afflicted with Marian's syn-

drome, only a few of the signs

are present in any one

patient. This makes diagno-

sis difficult but is unfortunate

as many of the features of the disease endanger health and

Most of the manifestations

of Marfan's are the result of elasticity in connective tissue,

with the result that the aorta

is weakened and the support

for the lenses of the eyes is so

feeble that sight is endangered. The double-joined ness from which patients with Marfan's suffer also leads to early arthritis.

yond middle age.

affected.

in some families, more often black than white. However, there are also several diseases in which gigantism is one of the characteristics.

The best known cause of gigantism and acromegaly is the condition in which there is an excessive production of growth hormone from a benign tumour of the pituitary. Fortunately. Neil's strong family history of great height would seem to exclude this,

> 6 The familial tendency to great height,

without signs of disease, runs in some families 🤊

as this pituitary abnormality is not familial. In only I per cent of cases of gigantism and acromegaly is the exer-sive production of growth hormone apparent before puberty. Usually it becomes obvious in a patient only between 30 and 50.

When excessive hormone is produced in children not only do they grow to a great height but usually also have

NEWS IN BRIEF Anons in court over jet protest

Four men called Mr Anon went on trial accused over a protest against aircraft exports to Indonesia. The men, who refused to give personal details to police and the court, are believed to be from East Timor, which Indonesia claims as its territory. They denied trespassing at a site belonging to British Aerospace, which sells Hawk jets to the Indoneseis Flaw, jes in the monk-sian Government. Four Brit-ons, including Father Arthur Fitzgerald, 50, a priest from Liverpool, also denied the charge at Lytham Magis-trates Court. Lancashire.

#### Birds on a wire

Conservationists have demanded a cut in the number of leer fences ringing Highlands pine forests in an attempt to reduce the death rates of grouse and the rare capercaillie. A study published yesterday showed that large numbers of the birds die after flying into the 6ft-high fences.

#### Priest sex case

A Roman Catholic priest was remanded on bail yesterday on condition that he surrender his passport after appearing before Cardiff Crown Court accused of 22 offences against five girls and two boys. Father John Lloyd, 56, of St. Joseph's Church, Penarth, denies four rapes and 18 indecent assaults.

#### Propeller injury

A pilot-using his car to jump start a light aircraft was badly injured by the plane's propeller. He was hit as he was about to shut his car bonnet. A report found there was no evidence the plane had moved. Fie had planned to fly from Parliam, West Sussex, to Lydd in Kent, on April 15.

#### Child loses eye

A two year-old boy has lost his right eye after he was shot at close range by an air weapon as a house in Boosle, Liverpool. He is to have further surgery as doctors fear the pellet may be in his head. Two teenagers age 13 and 18 were arrested and released on police bail in connection with the incident.

#### Degree of spice

Students will be able to take a course in Spice Girls studies from September. Honiton Community College in Devon is offering an eight-week course - a post-feminist look at cultural studies" - that will examine "girl power", the success of the group and its impact on young fans.

#### **Boxing clever**

Chris Smith, the Culture, Media and Sport Secretary, is encouraging a couple who have bought the Thomas à Becket pub in the Old Kent Road to apply for lottery funding to turn the upstairs gym into a boxing museum. The south London gym closed earlier this year.

#### Public proposal

Army piper James Thomson chose the massed ranks of the military pipes and drums, and an audience of 8,500, to witness his proposal. Charlotte Vallely, 19, was picked out by spetlights at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo as Piper Thomson, 27, went down on one knee. She accepted

#### Sounds deadly

A blob found by Adrian Massey in the mouthpiece of the didgeridoo he was about to play turned out to be a deadly Black Widow spider, Mr Massey, 21, of Headington, Oxfordshire who bought the instrument in Australia, said: I felt sick at how lucky I was not to have been bitten."

#### CORRECTION

The desk at which Edward VIII signed his abdication (photograph, August II) is part of, a collection of Windsor memorabilia on display at Sotheby's in London this week It will be auctioned in New York next month.

## US firm wants loan equipment sent back

ONE of America's biggest drugs companies has asked NHS hospitals in Wales to send back vital equipment from operating theatres after losing a major contract to

Abbott Laboratories, of Chicago, which lost deals worth £1.2 million to supply gases used to keep patients unconscious during surgery, has requested the return of essenmachines known as

Hospitals have to decide whether to use new, cheaper suppliers for the gas but spend Abbott says that the vaporisers were on loan, but will let hospitals buy them secondhand or rent them instead of sending them back.

Viain Fenton-May, who chairs the NHS purchasing committee which dropped Abbott as a supplier, said the

offer should be resisted. Since the mid-1980s, Abbott has supplied Welsh hospitals with two gases used in anaesthesia: isoflurane and the lesspowerful enflurane. Both require specially calibrated vaporisers to turn the liquid into gas and mix it with air Trusts face bill to replace operating

theatre machines, reports **Dominic** 

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and oxygen to be inhaled. Two years ago, Abbott lost the contract in Wales to supply isoflurane, the more frequently used of the gases, to Norton itor, but kept the enflurane deal. When the latest two-year contracts, which took effect last month, were being negotiated, the All-Wales Drug Con-Committee was warned by Abbott that it

owned many vaporisers. "Abbott claims most of the trusts in Wales have some," said Mr Fenton-May, who chairs the committee. "Ten to 15 years ago these were left in hospitals almost as an induce-

ment to use the product. "It was effectively stuff that was left by drug reps who said You need these to try our

product'. It was just dropped out of boots of cars.

Abbott says it owns between three and 20 vaporisers per trust in Wales. New machines can cost as much as £2,500. However, the decision to choose cheaper suppliers has saved about £300,000 a year, which Mr Fenton-May believes is enough to replace any machines given by the Chica-

go company.

Trusts have the power to make their own deals to stay with Abbott but he doubts they will. The economics of it are that they would be foolish to

The Pembrokeshire NHS Trust, which runs the 368-bed Withybush General Hospital in Haverfordwest, has about 30 vaporisers but is uncertain how many belong to Abbott. It is continuing to use Abbott and may negotiate to buy the machines secondhand, although it is under pressure to

Ken Cottam, a director of Abbott, said: "It is just not economically viable to leave vaporisers in place when no business is forthcoming. It is a normal commercial arrange-

accept the new contract.



## Sea bass return to Thames in force

Bridge yesterday, underlining the steady improvement in the cleanliness of the Thames.

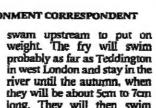
The number of the fish spotted swimming upstream was the biggest since the species began returning, along with salmon, in the 1970s, the Environment Agency said. Sea bass and scores of other fish were once common in the Thames, but were killed

A spokesman for the agency

long. They will then swim back to the Thames Estuary and out to sea.



said the sea bass were spawned in the Channel and



The agency said yesterday that other species were returning in healthy numbers to the Thames Estuary, and in some cases further upstream. These include Dover sole, flounder, lamprey, stickleback, eels, conger eels, Channel carfish and sea horses.



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month exclusively for Gaelic speakers. It is the first time that Gaelic language enthusiasts in the Irish Republic have tried to create a gaeltacht, or Irish speaking area, in an urban setting. Twenty houses in a new development in west Dublin have been earmarked for Irish speakers and their families. Everything, from borrowing sugar to educating the children, will be done in Gaelic while

the other residents of the 365 houses on

The scheme has produced a mixed

the Lucan estate carry on in English.

BY AUDREY MAGEE

HOUSES go on sale in Dublin next

the Irish language, currently spoken on a regular basis by II per cent of the 36 million living in Ireland. Others have described it as an attempt at "ghentoisation" and "artificial insemination of an urban gaeltacht". Pobal Mha Life, the scheme's organisers, reject criticisms that they are creating a Gaelic ghetto or alienating English speakers. Ananrai O Braonain, co-chairman of Pobal, said Irish speakers persistently tried to accommodate English speakers.

When we want to talk to each other we

switch to English if one in a group does not understand. Now we have a chance reaction in Ireland. Some commentators have lauded it as the perfect way to save with this estate to build a situation where people use the language as part of everyday life. It's not a ghemo, at least not in a negative sense." There has been a resurgence of interest in the Irish language in recent years and Hamilton Osborne King, the estate agents, say they have received dozens of calls from Gaelic speakers interested in the Dublin bouses, which will be priced.

the reaction. We weren't sure if the idea. are forced to meet in pubs or Irish clubs or الما من الرجل



# When Old Boys lost their grip on soccer

PROFESSIONAL football in England was in and saluring last by Victoria's diamond, jobilee year, 1897. It was in especially fine year for Aston Villa, the flumingham club with political off the double of League Championship and FA Cup, the first club to do so since Preston North End, the so-called Invincibles, in 1899.

That was the year after the foundation of the reobbill League, which then consisted of one divi-

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which their consisted of one division. It was appoined by an Aston Vila direction, the Scotsman William Mostregor, who took as his model the American baseball championship: awarding two points for a win and one for a draw. The formation of the league solved a problem for the professionalised clubs of the represence a lack of

a problem for the professionalised clubs of the provinces a lack of regular finances.

The FA Cup was established in 1872 and quickly became immensely popular. But by itself it hardly offered sufficient games to the professional clubs, not least if they were knocked out early on

were knocked out early on.
Friendly games had to fill the breach, but they did so inadequately. As the classic Association Football and The Men Who Made It, by Alfred Gibsen and William Pickford (1906), put it "It was evident that this class of game, with its uncertainties and its lack of its uncertainties and its lack of excitement, was not a sufficiently

strong pabalum for the multitude."
Villa's origins were fairly typical.
The club was founded in 1874 by a group of young men connected with the Aston Villa Wesleyan Chapel and played first on a field at Wellington Road, Perry Bar. The



Brian Glanville looks at

the rise of professionalism as league and cup captured the public's imagination

Cup, were founded in 1874 by a

final of high quality. The cup itself was a new one. Two years earlier, after Villa had beaten neighbours

West Bromwich in the first Crystal

Palace final, the original was stolen

So Villa, having run away with the championship by an 11-point margin, added the cup to their laurels. All five goals came within

25 minutes. Villa, 2-1 down, equal-

from a shop window.

defied the FA rules outlawing others watched him practise, "his dribbling held them spellbound" -professionalism to build a formidawas made captain and, in his Blackburn Rovers, the first pro-vincial team to challenge the hege-mony of the mighty Old Boys sides, such as the Old Etonians, in the FA small, round polo cap, soon be-came a pivotal figure.

Other celebrated Scots, such as the Hunter brothers, followed. Scots, indeed, were the core of the early professional game, many coming south to find money in

Five years after the formation of Villa, West Bromwich Strollers, later known as Albion, were estab-lished by a group of local young-sters, initially playing on waste ground. Not until 1881 did Preston North End turn from rugby to football, losing their first match to neighbours Blackburn Rovers 16-0. Within a few years, however, Major Sudell, their remarkable manager and the first of his kind,

goal by John Cowan, one of two brothers, However, John Bell, Everton's inside right and scorer of their first goal, was the star of a By then, the game had come a

long way from its early develop-ment and initial domination by the great public schools and their alumni. Football of a kind had been played in England since the Middle Ages, often in violent ways, but after Dr Thomas Arnold had introduced muscular Christianity to Rugby School it became, so to speak, domesticated. The problem was that each

school tended to have its own code, celebrated referee, John Lewis.
In 1897, nearly 66,000 people packed the Crystal Palace to see Villa beat Everton 3-2 in a thrilling sometimes involving the hands. sometimes not, and with very different types of goal. The break-through was made in 1862 by J.C. Thring of Uppingham School, who, while at Cambridge University, produced a ten-rule treatise called The Simplest Game. Hands could be used only to stop the ball. Tripping and heel kicking were forbidden. But the following year, when the Football Association was formed at the Freemasons' Arms in Great Queen Street, London, the Blackheath club withdrew in pro-test at the rule forbidding backing.

The development in Scotland of the passing game, as opposed to the individual, dribbling style favoured by public school men, revolutionised play. After initial opposition by the FA, professional-ism user made legal in 1985 The ism was made legal in 1885. The same year Forrest, a half-back with Blackburn Rovers, became the first professional to be capped for England.



W.G. Grace retired in 1900 after scoring a total of 54,896 runs

#### Man who made a century his own

By Alan Hamilton

TWO jubilees followed in quick session a cen-tury ago and both were seen as milestones of the age. A few months after Victoria had celebrated 60 years on the throne, W.G. Grace celebrated his 50th birthday with a guest appearance in the Gentlemen v Players at Lord's, a match attended by vast. autographseeking crowds and a

publicity.
The match was some thing of an anti-climax. The lithe sportsman of yesteryear, who would eventually retire in 1900 after 54,896 runs and 126 centuries, had grown portly and not a little stiff. His vast beard had turned ashgrey and his weight had ballooned to 20 stone, making it hard for him, stationed in the outfield, to pick up the ball. He scored 31

not out. But, with the possible exception of Gladstone, Grace was the best-known Englishman of the late Victorian age. His records still enthral. but he could equally be quirky. In 1898, his last great season, he sud-denly declared at 93 when obviously on his way to a century. Asked why, he said he had remembered that 93 was the only score between 0 and 100 he had never got. He died, aged 67, in 1915 from a heart attack during one of the first air raids of the First World War.

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Dizzy's house of royal souvenirs, and the Gladstones who could never throw anything away.

The world of Victorian politics

## Six shillings set North against South

Soccer in Cambridge, 1887, a year before the league was founded

TWO very different insurrections Christopher Irvine on the economic reality

behind the foundation of rugby league

occurred 61 years apart during Queen Victoria's reign. The first was at Tolpuddle and involved resistance by six farm labourers to a reduction in their wages. The other, less celebrated, caused the so-called "great schism" in rugby, between union and league. The argument in 1895 was over six shillings; it was also about class prejudice and provincialism.

The money compensated men who took time off work to play for teams in the North which drew their strength from mills, factories and mines. Broken time" payments amounted to creeping pro-fessionalism to the upper and middle classes who ran rugby. The

Rugby Football Union, the govern-

ing body set up in 1871, was zealous in its pursuit of those who were paid — albeit trifling amounts. The blue collars of the North were set against the old school ties of the South. However, the North was by then the stronghold of English rugby and what the clubs really sought was control of their own affairs.

Events leading up to the break-away by 20 Yorkshire and Lanca-shire clubs on August 25, 1895,

ry. The RFU witch-hunt was led by the Rev Francis Marshall, a Yorkshire representative.

There were ingenious ways of hiding payments. In his history of rugby league, A People's Game. Geoffrey Moorhouse wrote that an entry in Leeds Parish Church Club's books was said to have covered the cost of cigars, champagne, an oyster supper, a theatre trip and a river cruise — while the team was playing on Merseyside. The split occurred at the George

Hotel in Huddersfield, where the

broken time. In two years, the Northern Union (it did not become the Rugby League until 1922) had eliminated the lineout; in 1906, to better entertain spectators, it reduced the numbers on a team from 15 to 13. Rugby union in England was dealt a blow from which it never entirely recovered. The two sports have rarely been as closely aligned as after rugby union's adoption of professionalism in 1995 — rugby league's centenary year. The circle of six shillings has been squared by separate multi-million-pound deals and some players swapping between the

based on the principle of bona fide

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#### **EDINBURGH FESTIVAL**

# Jelly theatre serves up mould breaking drama

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A GIANT jelly", a lorry among the more interesting places in which to find a piece of theatre at this year's Edinburgh festival.

With some 14,297 performances on the fringe alone - not to mention events on the main. film. iazz and book festivals the desperation for a venue. however modest, is more acute than ever. Performances are everywhere and anywhere, where there's a group of people in Edinburgh, there's probably a happening of some kind near by.

"The world's largest jelly" — an 181t-high inflatable nylon tent shaped like a jelly-mould — is sited on a lawn near the bustling Pleasance theatre. Inside, Gasp!, a play about inflated egos, is being



In tents experience cast of Gasp! and the theatre where audiences wear lifejackets and eat jelly

handing out leaflets on

Café from London goes

lorry with a 40-seat the-

street corners. The Comedy

in search of audiences in a

atre. "Tripterranus", a show

come off the back of a lorry,

that could be said to have

promises "verbal and vi-

sual gags". At Mary King's Close

in the city centre, drama is

staged by Economical Truth. drama graduates from Bristol University and elsewhere. Their makeshift theatre can take an audience of up to 30, each of rbom is invited to don a lifejacket and tuck into a

plate of jelly. There is a sense of desperation about the actors comics and musicians

Grid Iron Theatre Company would enhance the mood. Last year, two rival performers threatened legal action over claims to

staging Angela Carter's The

having the smallest theatre on Earth; one of them performed in a moto decar. This year, Paul Garner and Sarah Nield have created "the smallest Speakeasy in the world' everything is in miniatur

Bar stools are so tiny, this show will make all but the slim feel uncomfortable. The two-hour show breaks every 15 minutes for different audience sittings. Yesterday, the heat rising off the roof," Mr Garner said. "But only the performers suffer."



## Protest actors get a whiff of reality

about road rage at the festival got out of hand yesterday when it prompted an environmental group to stage a protest

that led to several arrests. An estimated 200 people turned up after learning that the cast of Road

mock protest. The director, searching for for two hours. Mr Loudon said the authenticity and striving to reproduce the sights, sounds and smells of an antiroad protest, had already introduced a no-bath rule among the actors, to get

that "just unwashed grunge look". Members of Reclaim the Streets, who want roads returned to pedestrians, experience had been frightening. Until yesterday, he thought that he had overdramatised the violence in his play's opening scene: "But what I saw was far

Although some of the cast were "keen to be arrested as they feel so strongly",

Police face

corruption

threat from

dirty money

By Stewart Tendler, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

Albert Pacey, director-gen- Mr Pacey said that one way eral of the National Criminal of limiting corruption would

creasing danger because of the consider adopting gang-bust-

be to attack the criminals assets, and that Britain should

ca and the Irish Republic to seize assets. He said the amount of cash now seized in

In Ireland, a law passed after the murder of the jour-

nalist Veronica Guerín creat-

ed a Criminal Assets Bureau.

The bureau involves a part-

nership between police and tax authorities and since its

inception courts have seized

millions of pounds and put

Mr Pacey said any legisla-tion in Britain would appear

draconian, but he said it.

would be aimed at serious criminals. "I can point to

people living in council houses

five years ago who now have

massive homes, Jaguar cars

and boats and all the appear-

ances of immense wealth. I

think there is going to have to

be a change in the seizure of

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criminals to flight.

confiscations was tiny.

MILLIONAIRE criminals are increasingly trying to corrupt cording to the head of criminal intelligence operations.

Intelligence Service, said

police corruption was an in-

organised crime. He said: There is now concern among

senior officers. I think the police service will need to be

Mr Pacey's comments come

a few weeks after Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the

Metropolitan Police, said

there were up to 200 dishonest

officers in his force he would like to dismiss. Other chief

constables and Home Office

officials are known to be

"premier league" criminals at the top of the British under-

world who the NCIS was now

tracking. At least one of the

targets is among the richest

He said the service was now

so concerned about the risk of

leaks or infiltration that a full-

time security officer had been appointed. The officer, recruit-ed from Whitehall and be-lieved to be a former MIS

officer, was chosen after a risk assessment by NCIS suggest-ed that confidential files and

operations could be at risk.

Earlier this year the service was criticised after hundreds

of transcripts of telephone taps

Mr Pacey, who is retiring after four years at the helm.

said the risk from organised crime extended beyond police

men in Britain.

concerned at corruption. Mr Pacey, who retires shortly, said there was a core of 140

constantly on its guard."

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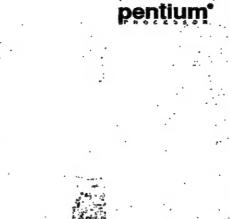
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officers. In other countries, major criminals had suborned public servants, politicians and business communities. "Unless you watch carefully they can get a grip without people realising it," he said. Character of the Charac

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# Plague of rats rules flooded Polish city

AFTER dusk the ancient city of Wrocław becomes a city of rats. Black rats, brown rats, rais on a tightrope, rais that tap dance in the autic, the rodent legions that infested the Hamelin of the Pied Piper have taken over this city as the floodwaters slowly ease along the River Oder. Only one kind of rat is not on display the thin rat. Sebas-tian Turkiewicz, the city's rat

catcher, said: They are so said that they are not even sniffing our heaps of granulatsmining our nears of granular ed poison." They have been gorging themselves on rubbish and routing food which, having been swept through the streets by the floodwaters.

is settling on doorsteps.

Normally rat packs have a taster, a hapless recruit to sample the bait while the others watch to see if it is safe. Today there is decomposing food in abundance great-mounds of vegetables under the washed-up tyres and planking. In the Kozanow housing estate in Wroclaw, the water stormed into a fish shop and carried out hundreds of deep-frozen fish.

deep-frozen fish. Slawa Kozminska, clearing water from her living room with a broom and a bucket, is relaxed about the rais takeover bid. For the moment she is more concerned about the mosquito swarms that fly in as soon as the window is opened.



A brown rat: prodigious ability to reproduce

"Close the window and you sweat; open it and you are bitten. The rats leave us alone - but they are getting nervous." You can see them in daylight, running in threes and fours as if on patrol. They seem to have lost their fear.

There are three million of the rodents in Wroclaw, four for every inhabitant of this southwestern Polish city. Soon that number could double or treble. Female rats take 24 days to come to term. The first response of the rats, once they had saved themselves from the torrents was to couple. Typically a rat would give birth to five or seven offspring. die because of a lack of food. Now there is no shortage.

Many cellars are still under

ces float around once-busy men in boats. As the sun beats down, there is a terrible stench. Lavarories throw back their contents. Electricity works in only a few house-holds. Vegetables, the local hygiene office says, should be washed in water that has been boiled for at least five minutes. Slowly, almost a month

after the first torrent, order is returning. But the rats have taken command. Ewa Bochniarz recalls the rats' initial response: They were climb-ing on to the high branches of trees, on top of the traffic lights and road signs." Rats sense catastrophe early - not only sinking ships but also earthquakes and floods - and they swim strongly. They not only sense disaster, they survive it.

When American scientists visited a Pacific atoll that had been battered by atomic tests. they found everything, every plant, had been killed or burnt away, apart from a pack of healthy rats. This capacity for survival may explain the shifting attitudes in Wroclaw. "Normally we would have beaten him to death," said Barbara Gornik, on the Kozanow estate. "But when I saw the rat struggling for his life, clinging to a branch. I just had to throw him a piece of wood. and I suppose I saved his life." In a strange way, some of

these people under stress seem



Wroclaw under water during the recent floods. Now that the River Oder is at last returning to its course, local people are faced with a matter of immediate health concern: how to get rid of the army of rats

to mimic the social protocols and solidarity of the rat world (biologists have recorded incidents of healthy rats leading blind ones along gutters with a piece of straw). Teenage thugs smashed in the windows of a private bicycle shop and looted the stock during the early days of the flooding.

They then offered the bikes free to stranded flood victims who were crossing streets on improvised pontoon bridges. But the flood victims refused the offer: they did not want to benefit from looted property.

Wrocław will be turning to the

lants which fool the "taster" rats and which take some time The patience with the rats may soon run out and then

The floods spared the rerenovated market square, though not the university library (700 volumes are

West for poison aid. The most

effective weapon, Wrocław

officials say, are anti-coagu-

paper). The hope is that the 17,000 evacuees will soon be able to return and that the city will be in order again by the autumn, in time to attract at though, the rats will have to go

foot. "It would not have been ferocious, but if atto death and it would have been able to outrun anything that might have been

#### Berlin raids on building sites catch foreigners

BY DEBORAH COLLCUIT

IN A series of raids on government building sites in Berlin, authorities have arrested scores of foreign workers and employees for offences including working illegally.

The Bild daily reported that teams of tax investigators, border police and state legislators found 173 illegal workers employed on some big government building projects, in-cluding the new parliament on Unter den Linden boulevard.

Eight raids, between February and June this year, uncovered many offences being committed on the sites, such as illegal employment and un-dercutting of the statutory minimum wage, putting jobs of German developers and builders at risk.

On three separate visits to the Reichstag building site, authorities exposed 13 firms that had hired 67 illegal foreign workers for cut-price wages. Similar operations were encountered at the sites of the new Justice Ministry, the federal press office, an armed forces hospital and on land where civil service accommodation is being built. Last night, the Berlin public prosecutor's office would not comment on the nationalities of the workers arrested. About 50,000 British builders are employed in eastern Germany and in rebuilding Berlin, which takes over from Bonn

Most of the workers allegedly-claim unemployment benefit and pay no tax or national insurance. They also endure appalling conditions, both on and off site, for wages that cutstrip rates paid in their home countries.

## Waigel will press for cut in Bonn payments to EU

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN FRANKFURT

Finance Minister, may resort to blocking parliamentary business to force a reduction in Bonn's contributions to the

In an interview in this week's Spiegel magazine, Herr Waigel says Germany will sanction grants to Europe's poorer regions, when they are reviewed in 1999, only if "we get a new burdensharing as well". At present, Germany not only pays more — around £16 billion — to Brussels, but also gets back less than any other EU nation in grants and financial

It is no longer acceptable that one country. Germany. should meet a 60 per cent ture," Herr Waigel told the

magazine. He proposes that Germany contribute 0.4 per cent instead of the present 0.6 per cent of its. gross national product to Brussels, a reduction of up to

Supported by the ruling coalition and the opposition Social Democrats, Herr Waigel recently told regionalgovernments that Germany was paying nearly 55 billion more to the EU that it can afford in the present economic climate of weak growth and record high unemployment. Between 1991 and 1996, this amounted to Bonn contributing £48 billion more than it got

The details of the new plan are contained in "Agenda 2000", which Herr Waigel plans to present to EU colleagues this autumn in support of a reduction in

THEO WAIGEL, the German contributions for Bonn by the

end of the century. The sudden haste with which the matter is being dealt stems from the fear among party leaders and economists that, financial demands on Germany will increase with every new member admitted

Herr Waigel also told Spiegel that Germany was not as well off as it was before unification. "Germany has the right to demand a change to our contribution rate because of a change in our wealth," he

Herr Waigel also accused tax-haven countries, such as Britain (Channel Islands and Isle of Manj, Ireland and Luxembourg, which profit from EU transfers, of "unfair

tax dumping".

He complained of being 
"bled dry" by such countries which lure large German companies and banks abroad with the promise of attractive tax rates. He called on all EU members to unite politically to stamp out this practice. ☐ Dresden: German prosecu-

tors said yesterday that two soldiers had admitted firebombing an Italian workers' hostel because they hated foreigners. The soldiers, aged 18 and 20, were detained on Sunday after the building in Dresden was badly damaged on Saturday. No one was hurt and the Italians had gone on holiday the day before the attack, police said. Authorities found swastikas daubed on the building and said witnesses reported that the suspected attackers had shouted Nazi slogans shortly after the fire started. (Reuter)



Playsic: force will be allowed

#### Karadzic guards outlawed

Sarajevo: Special police forces in Bosnia wili be banned unless they are used to protect senior elected officials or dignitaries, a spokesman for the Nato-led peace force said yesterday.

By the end of August any police personnel not certified by the UN police will be judged illegal, said Major John Blakeley. Since special police forces in the Serb-controlled half of Bosnia have protected indicted war crimes suspects, such as Radovan Karadzie, the new policy could further isolate the wartime Serb leader. There are up to 3,000

specials". International officials indicated that Bosnian Serb police forces protecting Biljana Playsic, the elected President of Republika Srpska, would be allowed to

continue their work. The Foreign Office resumed contact in London vesterday with the Bosnian chargé d'affaires, Magdim Pasic, following agreement in Bosnia over the appointment of joint ambas-sadors. (AP/AFP)

## Typhoid and cholera come back to haunt Russia

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S creaking healthcare system is struggling to fight off lethal diseases, both old and new, which threaten to raise the nation's staggering In the latest health scare,

flown to the southern republic of Dagestan to help to combat an outbreak of typhoid. In the past few weeks the disease has swept through several villages near the Caspian Sea, leaving lo8 victims in hospital, nearly half of them children. The region is noted for annual epidemics of other waterborne diseases, such as

This year the capital is not taking any chances of a cholera outbreak, as it prepares for

its 850th anniversary celebration. Under an order signed by the chief medical officer of Moscow, all traders arriving in the city from Central Asia, the Caucasus and some Russian republics will be obliged Sergei Shoigu, the head of the to undergo a compulsory vac-

Emergencies Ministry, has cination or face arrest. Aside from cholera and typhoid, other diseases practically eradicated in the West are growing here. Russia has the highest tuberculosis rate in Europe. It has wimessed an explosion in sexually transmitted diseases such as syphilis. although Aids is still relatively rare. Between 1991 and 1990 nearly half of the world's diphtheria outbreaks were re-

corded in Russia. A report released earlier this year revealed that life expecyears and 73 years for women. In the world league table Russia ranks in 135th place for men and 100th for women, behind all of Europe, America and most of Asia. The dramatic drop in life

tancy for men in Russia is 59

expectancy is largely blamed on the scourge of alcoholism. which since the collapse of the Soviet Union has reached epidemic proportions. Russians on average drink more than 13 litres of pure alcohol annually for every man, woman and child, double the per capita consumption figure in 1990. When Mikhail Gorbachev

launched his anti-alcohol campaign in 1986-1987, life expectancy rose to 65, the highest in Russia's history.

#### Fossil of bird with hooves found in Outback FROM RACHEL BRIDGE

IN SYDNEY

S cientists in Australia claimed yesterday to have discovered the fossil of the largest bird that ever lived, an ostrich-like creature that was as tall as an

Experts say the prehis-toric bird, which stood 9.8ft tall and had hooves like a horse, was a third bigger than any specimen previously discovered.

Palaeontologist Peter Murray, who discovered the fossilised skeleton of the bird, known as Alcoota dromornis, outside Alice Springs, said the bird would have been as heavy as a bullock and could run

at up to 16 miles an hour. He claims the flightless bird, which lived about eight million years ago. was bigger than Madagascar's giant elephant bird. which up to now has been regarded as the biggest bird that ever lived.

Dr Murray has assembled the skeleion of the bird for the Museum of Central Australia in Alice Springs. where he is curator. He said the Alcoota dromornis had human-sized legs and three long, slen-der toes on each hooved tacked it would have been able to kick its opponents

The fossilised skeleton of the Alcoota dromornis is the latest in a series of discoveries to be made at Alcoota, outside Alice Springs. A number of fossils have been found there over the past 13 years. Dr Murray said yesterday he had also discovered

bones of a giant, rhinoceros-like marsupial that could either be a much bigger specimen of a herbivore known as Pyramios alcootense or of a previously undiscovered creature. He said: "The story is very exciting. We knew that Pyramios had a large range of sizes, but the bones we have found show it a third bigger than anything previously dis-covered — about the size of a small rhino or an Asian buffalo.

Dr Murray said he planned to write about his discoveries for scientific journals. He said: "I suppose it is time we wrote about it, but you keep discovering new things."

### Bets off after ban on Turkish casinos

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

TURKISH casino owners have been left wondering whether to throw in their hands after President Demirel reluctantly signed a law forcing the closure of a casino industry conservatively valued at £1.27 billion.

Mr Demirel had previously vetoed legislation drawn up by the then Islamic-led Govern-ment which gave casino operators six months to cash in their chips. He did so on the ground that the law violated existing contractual agreements between many five-star hotels and international operators.

However, the new secularminded Government surprised many observers by presenting the Bill again to are popularly seen as one of

parliament successfully, thus the links in a series of scandals obliging the President to give his consent

The Turkish press had its fair sprinkling of tragic tales of respectable family men cracking under the strain of gambling debts. That led to a series of regulations stopping casinos from offering perks such as free drinks and a chauffeured limousine to ferry high fliers home from the tables. However, the real public pressure to close the casinos has less to do with a religious backlash than with the widely held suspicion that at least some of the country's 78 gambling halls are run by

organised crime. Casinos awash with cash

connecting the police, politi-cians and organised crime. One casino owner, suspected by American drug enforcement agents of being a key figure in the heroin trade, was murdered in a highly "professional" attack.

Among those accused of the crime are four policemen, members of an elite squad who later served as bodyguards to an MP in Tansu Ciller's True Path party.

Ibrahim Gurdal, the Minister for Tourism, is betting that the legislation will still fail. He said at the weekend that the new law would provoke legal challenges abroad as well as in Turkey's constitutional



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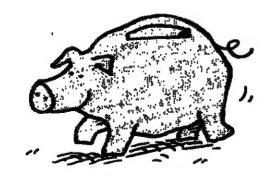
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# US envoy smooths peace path

IN JERUSALEM

AMERICAN efforts to revive the Middle East peace process made headway yesterday as Israeli and Palestinian intelligence chiefs met amid intense shuttle diplomacy by President Clinton's envoy. Dennis

But thousands of Palestinians, including supporters of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, and Islamic Jihad, rallied in the West Bank town of Ramallah and Gaza City against Israel's policies. After the Ramallah demonstration, more than 100 young men burnt tyres and threw stones at Israeli soldiers manning an army checkpoint outside the entrance to the city.

Nevertheless, Mr Ross continued to emphasise the need for the two sides to restore security co-operation after the suicide-bomb attack in Jerusalem two weeks ago. The attack

Blairs take

château

retreat on

Jospin's

doorstep

IN PARIS AND GLEN OWEN TONY BLAIR will spend a

week's holiday with his family teau less than eight miles from Cintegabelle, the political fief of Lionel Jospin, the Socialist Prime Minister, the French press reported yesterday.

The news that Mr Blair,

"the most important man in the United Kingdom", will leave Tuscany on Sunday for the tiny village of Saint-Mar-tin-d'Oydes, 30 miles south of Toulouse, was splashed triumphantly across the front page of the local paper, the Depeche du Midi, under the headline

The British Premier Lord of the Manor in Ariège".

According to the news-paper, Mr Blair, his wife

Cherie and children, Nicholas,

Katherine and Ewan, are to

stay for just over a week at the

should be an ideal retreat.

quil setting, the Blairs will be able to enjoy such regional

specialties as cassoulet. Ac-

cording to the Depêche du

Midi it is not the first time the

vesterday when a 49-year-old man died of injuries suffered in the twin blast at the marketplace on July 30.

Mr Ross's plea was in line with statements by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, and President Clinton. At the same time the American envoy made it clear that at a later date Israel would have to be flexible over Palestinian demands on polit-

"What we have here is a situation where we need to reestablish a security basis because that can pave the way for putting the process back on track and addressing the political side," he said.

There has to be, as I have said, a security underpinning. But the political issues also have to be addressed. We want to see the Israeli-Palestinian track go forward because it is the key for making everything else [in the Middle East] work.

We want to see efforts at a ings. Israeli military intelligence officials have yet to broader comprehensive settlement pursued as well." two bombers, but maintain

Mr Ross's comments came during a news conference, briefly interrupting a hectic schedule of shuttle diplomacy between Jerusalem and Ramallah, where he held talks with Yassir Arafat, President of the Palestine Authority.

The US envoy was dis-patched to the region to repair the breakdown in relations. between Israel and the Palestinians after the suicide bomb-

## Palestinian protesters marched down Gaza's main

Nabativeh: Amnesty International criticised Israel yesterday for refusing to allow it access to a jail in south Lebanon where the human rights group says Lebanese prisoners are being tortured. "It seems that there is something happening in the Khiam jail which Israel

'Israeli torture' claim ongoing there," Serge Thibodeau, representative of the Canadian branch of the London-based human rights

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they were most likely Palestin-

The families of the men at

present suspected of having

been the attackers have re-

fused to submit to a DNA test,

further hampering the Israeli

Last night thousands of

investigation.

ians from the West Bank.

About 150 Lebanese are held in Khiam prison, many detained for more than ten years without trial or charge.

end a closure it imposed after the suicide attack. "As long as my son is in prison, I don't feel any peace," said a woman, whose 24-year-old son, Ahmad, is serving a life term

in an Israeli jail.

The protesters carried photos of their husbands and sons and waved Palestinian flags. "Yassir — we are with you," one sign read, referring to Mr Arafat.

Palestinian officials say 3,500 political prisoners re-

main in Israeli jails. Meanwhile, Rafik Hariri, the Lebanese Prime Minister, accused forces loyal to Mr Arafat of firing rockets from Lebanese soil that injured a woman in northern Israel last Friday. In a telephone interview with the French daily Le Monde, he said: "It appears that these were Arafat's people who launched those rockets." But he did not after evidence to

support the allegation.

guerrillas, fighting to drive Israeli troops from their south Lebanon "security zone", had denied firing the rockets, and that he believed them. Issue retaliated for the rocket attack with air anacks on southern

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Lebanon guerrilla bases. Mr Hariri also criticised comments Mr Arafai made after the suicide bombing. saying that Mr Arafat had accepted the word of Israeli intelligence in blaming foreigners for the attack, and that this explained why Israel was

attacking Lebanon. "He takes his information from the Israelis, even though he knows it to be false." Mr Hariri said. "Mr Aralat well knows that Lebanon has endured much and continues to do so to defend the Palestinian responsible for their safety. He responds that they the suicide bombers; came from



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12th-century château owned by Sir David Keene, a High Court judge, who sits at the Yesterday speculation on the opportunity for an inforhub of the Blairs' circle of legal mal summit between the Britfriends. The "particularly pic-turesque" village of Saintish and French leaders was rife. M Jospin. who is on holiday in the fashionable Martin d'Oydes, with its forti-fied houses clustered in a resort of lle de Ré off La circle around the church, Rochelle on the Atlantic coast, is due back in Paris at the end The château has more than of the week. Although it could four acres of gardens, a swimnot confirm a meeting beming pool and, most importween the two, his Paris office tantly, high walls to protect said yesterday that "he could the Prime Minister and his family from the prying lenses Sunday", the day of Mr Blair's

> Even if the two leaders do not meet next week. Mr Blair can be sure the local welcome will be warm. Saint-Martin's 198 inhabitants are reported to

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be in a turmoil of excitement, while the mayor, André Bordenave, has called a special meeting of the town council to plan a welcoming ceremony. A reception to which the whole village would be invited to share a glass of wine with the British leader is likely, but M Bordenave said the final decision would be taken "after we have seen Mr

The community may be hoping that Mr Blair's visit will put their tiny hamlet on the map in the same way that M Jospin's elevation to the premiership in May has turned Cintegabelle into a popular tourist attraction.

Sir David, 57, was appointed to the bench in 1994 after a long and lucrative career at the Bar, taking on cases which ranged across the political spectrum. As a specialist in local government and plan-ning law he acted for Chris Patten, then the Environment Secretary, in High Court actions to cap the spending of local authorities. More recenthe took on "Swampy" and his fellow eco-warriors by putting the case for

Sir David's Minister's Downing Stre

Caine and Leuny Fleary, also included Sir David and other legal friends built up during Mr Blants time at the Bar Several of those invited in and Anthony Scrivener Of former chairmen of the Bar are star performers, with earnings reputed to be close to



## Republicans moan as Clinton uses new veto powers

From Ian Brodie in Washington

BILL CLINTON struck three provisions from the new tax and budget Bills yesterday, the first time an American President has wielded a longsought power called the line-

Mr.Clinton said in the Oval Office that his gesture would send a signal that "the Washington rules have changed for good". Special interests would no longer be able to play the old game of slipping tax concessions into huge Bills in the hope that nobody would notice. The new authority was a powerful tool to protect taxpavers, he said.

However, Republicans who gave Mr Clinton the line-item veto power in a Bill passed last year complained. Newt Gingrich, the Republican House Speaker, accused the President of playing petty politics. He said Mr Clinton had broken the hard-fought bipartisan agreement on tax and spending cuts reached last week to balance the federal budget in five years.

None of the three items affected by the stroke of President Clinton's pen was a colossal saving by American budget standards. The biggest was to cancel a provision which allowed financial service companies to shelter income in foreign tax havens to avoid all US taxation. That decision will save the Government \$317 million (£200 mil-

lion) over five years. The second closed a loop-hole in Medicaid spending for the poor and disabled that would have benefited New York State unfairly

voked a tax concession to food processing companies that sell their plants to farmers' cooperatives. It was aimed at Harold Simmons, a Texas multimillionaire and a generous contributor to the Republican Party, who would have avoided capital gains on the sale of his sugar-beet refinery to a co-operative. The line-item veto in effect

gives the President editorial power over money Bills to delete specific tax concessions or spending proposals that he dislikes without having to veto the entire legislation. The line-item veto was

promised in the Republicans' Contract with America and they passed the measure knowing that the first President to take advantage of it would be a Democrat.

For generations, Presidents have sought the line-item dispensation, which is available to many state Governors. When he signed the Bill into law, Mr Clinton said it would allow Presidents to fight special interest "boondoggles", tax loopholes and "pure pork"

bloated spending.

Mr Clinton's action yesterday is expected to provoke a legal chaflenge that will go all the way to the Supreme Court on the ground that the line-Congress to legislate taxes.

Under the law, Congress can restore any item cancelled by the President with a simple majority vote within a month. If the President vetoes it again, Congress can override him only with a two-thirds



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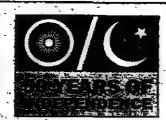
On eve of independence, British burnt the records kept by spies on maharajahs' secret sex lives

coaxed, cajoled or forced at hundreds of former princes ful politicians. Some are hoteliers living in private wings of entrepreneurial elite.

Their forebears' excesses hang over them in constant meticulous records of the maharajahs sexual predilections, a record so explosive that two months before independence the files were burnt. History details of the private lives of the world's most fantastic church of sybarnes.

Tonges of records were burnt on the orders of Sir-Conrad Corfield, the Viceroy's elitical secretary, who spent

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fires were burning all over India, consuming the labours of generations of spies and informers. Some of the infor-

6 The Maharajah of Alwar, a man of sadistic tastes, routinely used village boys as bait on his tiger shoots ?

that he could deflower more virgins in a year than they could. Village girls were brought to his palace in flocks; they left without the gold nose ring that indicated a virgin



Savoy Hotel, London, by a man masquerading as her husband He was blackmailed trial in which Sir Hari was known only as "Mr A". Therein Srinagar and Jammu.

The Nizam of Hyderabad, a keen photographer, produced .mountain of purnographic pictures by installing cameras in the walls and ceilings of his

The files burnt by Sir Conrad contained much informa-tion about the sadistic tastes of the Maharajah of Alwar, who routinely used village boys as bait on his tiger shoots. Anybody hoping to become an officer in his army had to participate in his orgic killings. He became too obscene to tolerate and the British forced him into exile.

None has sunk to a lower ebb than the royal house of Oudh, which ruled over five million people from its capital. Lucknow, now the capital of Uttar Pradesh state. Princess Rajkumari Sakina Mahal and her brother, Prince Rajkumar Cyrus Riza, last of the line, live in a mouldering 13th-century hunting lodge in the Delhi woods, which bakes in summer, freezes in winter and leaks in the monsoon.

Their mother. Princess Wilayat Mahai, killed herself diamonds. Her children live out their lives of squalor with a collection of large dogs that warn off intruders, although there is nothing left to steal. They share their abode with mice, chipmunks, birds and mits waiting to die At the other end of the scale

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A maharajah and the Prince of Wales, on a visit to India in 1922, perch on top of the royal elephant Hirazaz for a procession, accompanied by

#### WORLD

#### Guard on **Pakistani** mosques

Karachi: Pakistan deployed paramilitary troops in Punjab province after sectarian violence led to the deaths of more than 50 people in the past five days. (Zahid Hussain writes). The troops are guarding mosques and other religious buildings which have been the main targets of the strife.

The military move came after 18 Shia Muslims were killed on Saturday, allegedly by Sunni extremists seeking revenge for an attack on mosque in Lahore last week.

#### Farm disaster

Amsterdam: The Nether lands' livestock industry has been thrown into chaos by the country's worst ever swine fever epidemic. More than five million pigs have been culled since February.

#### Germ war daim

Tokyo: More than 100 Chinese are suing the Japanese Government for allegedy killing hundreds of people by dropping plague infected fleas on Zhejiang province in October 1940. (AP)

#### Bribes admitted

Seoul: Two South Korean businessmen said in court that millions of dollars they gave to a son of President Kim Young Sam were bribes. Kim Hyun Chul, 37, was arrested in May on corruption charges. (AP)

#### Mugabe mocked Harare: President Mugabe

was defied by 300 veterans of Zimbabwe's liberation war who jeered him at the Heroes Day event. The poor veterans are bitter over the affluence of a coterie of politicians.

#### Tomb unearthed

Beijing: Archaeologists have found a 6,000-year-old tomb at a building site near Zheng-zhou in central China. It contains skeletal remains, pots, bowls, a bone needle and other artefacts. (AP)

## Communist's killers tell of post-apartheid fears

FROM AGENCE PRANCE-PRESSE IN PRETORIA

TWO convicted killers gave their reasons yesterday for murdering Chris Hani, the South African Communist leader, four years ago. They said they feared he would impose an oppressive Eastern-

bloc-style regime.

Janusz Walus and Clive Derby-Lewis, who are serving life jail terms for the murder on April 10, 1993, denied speculation that they were part of a larger conspiracy; they said they had acted alone. The two said they were motivated by South Africa's most powerful rightwing group of the time, the Conser-vative Party, which they said was "at war" with liberation groups. Derby-Lewis, former-

a senior Conservative Party

have since applied for an amnesty from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The commission, which is investigating human rights abuses carried out during the

apartheid era, has the power

to grant annesty to criminals who fully admit their guilt and can prove political motives. In statements to the commission, Walus, a Polish immigrant, said that he and Derby-Lewis carried out the murder alone, disputing reports that it had been master-

minded by the apartheid Government which was then

South African newspapers have also speculated that some of Hani's allies in the now-ruling African National Congress may have been ineader and member of parliavolved. Hami, an enormously popular leader, was shot in the ment, and Walus both denied guilt during their trial, but

head outside his home near

Johannesburg. Walus said that he emigrated to South Africa because he believed it was "governed by Afrikaners who would never capitulate to communism, the latter ideology being by definition godless and thus anti-Christian". He said he feared the coming to power of Hani would plunge South Africa into a communism "of the same or worse type than that experienced in Poland".

The killers' evidence was delayed yesterday by legal argument over whether statements made by the two prisoners after their arrest should be made admissible. The killers say that the statements were irrelevant because they made them when detectives had deprived them of sleep and given them alcohol.

## Envoy's Russian wife braced for tough Cambodian debut

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

PHNOM PENH is a long way from Nizhny Novgorod. But when Lena Edgar leaves her family in Russia to join her husband in Cambodia, she will take up a post unimaginable a decade ago. Not only is she the wife of Britain's youngest ambassador, but she is the only Russian to help her husband to represent Britain abroad.

In the wake of the Soviet Union's demise, the Foreign Office no longer puts a ban on diplomats marrying Russians. George Edgar, on temporary leave from the diplomatic service, was posted in Tajikistan with an international agency, and met Lena, a journalist; they married three

Now, at the age of 37, he has just arrived in Phnom Penh. where he has the hazardous ob of keeping watch over the 300-strong British community, encouraging British business investment and discouraging foothose tourists.



Lena Edgar with husband George, Britain's man in Phnom Penh, and their daughter Anna

Mrs Edgar is not worried by a post in one of the world's most unstable countries. She and her husband will be virtually confined to the capital, as the countryside, apart from one or two areas, is still too dangerous for travel. But they will be well guarded, and Mrs Edgar will have time to bring up Anna, their daughter, and write the occasional piece for

the BBC World Service. In two days of seminars and discussion from the British Spouses Association, she was given all the tips of old hands posted abroad: how to avoid trouble. ensure security and get by on friends in a new post is clearly vital: Mrs Edgar hopes to see a lot of the Russians who live in



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Lourdes: hysteria or hope?

Each year five million pilgrims go to Lourdes. Sue Corrigan discovers what they find when they arrive

heltering in the foot-hills of the majestic Pyrenees and split by a rushing turquoise appealing natural beauty. Casual observers tend, however, to be appalled by what they see there, and by what the town appears to represent,

The isolated rural hamlet of 150 years ago has been transfurmed by religious fervour into a huge tourist centre attracting five million visitors each year. Lourdes has more hotels than any place in France other than Paris. It seems to have more tacky souvenir shops than any other place on earth, most selling the same horrible array of plastic icons and statues, mixed in with T-shirts, baseball caps and garish rosary beads.

Even worse is the distressing sight of thousands of sick. disabled, infirm, deformed and dying people, their wheelchairs and stretchers clogging the town's streets, churches and squares. An avalanche of human suffering and pain, almost unbearable to observe in its pathos.

It's hardly surprising, there-fore, that Lourdes has something of an image problem, that it's regarded by many as a symbol of religiosity at its worst — deeply irrational, grossly commercialised and, ultimately, exploitative.

That, however, is the view from the outside. Like many judgments based solely on external appearances, it is quite misleading. From deep inside the heart of Lourdes, looking out, the view is very

I went there a few weeks ago as a pilgrim, one of 760 people travelling together from the Catholic Diocese of Arundei and Brighton. My severely disabled son, Shane, aged 7,



A volunteer with a disabled pilgrim: "Lourdes helps make sense of pain and suffering. It is Christianity in action in its purest, most impressive, most life-changing form"

ioin the vast throngs moving slowly through the town's narrow streets in his wheelchair. I to join the many hundreds of heartbroken mothers there.

i wasn't sure before I left whether I was doing the right thing by going, and I wasn't sure what I'd find when I got there. All I knew was that I needed to make the lourney. that Lourdes was somehow calling me, that I needed to find somewhere to take all the

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anger and pain and grief I've but I wasn't sure what she been struggling with for the past seven years, and that have at times threatened to overwhelm me.

My father, a doctor, thought I was crazy. My husband, who would never dream of going. was worried it might prove too distressing. Only my mother, who has been there herself, understand approve. "I hope it brings you

I was glad of her support.

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meant. How could an exhausting journey with hundreds of strangers, many of them sick and in pain, on top of a week spent pushing a wheelchair through thousands of swarming tourists, possibly leave me feeling peaceful?

I was impelled to go far more by curiosity than hope. I was going because I'm a

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I Can See Clearly

pilgrimage involved in the late 20th century. Unaware they still took place until I chanced to pick up a leaflet about Lourdes in Westminster Cathedrai earlier this year, I had ignorantly assumed that mass pilgrimages were something people undertook in the Middie Ages, not nowadays. le Ages, not nowadays.

Even more than feeling an

with my own son, I was keen to find out what motivated so many other people to travel there. Why were they going? What did they hope to find? The first inkling of what

awaited my son and me at Lourdes occurred as soon as we boarded one of the numerous coaches converging on Dover from all over Sussex and southern Surrey. In a most un-English way, com-plete strangers smiled at me. introduced themselves and launched into animated and excited conversation. Shane and I were inundated with offers of help and small kindnesses. This pleasant. though rather unsettling, experience continued as we issembled at Dover, boarded the ferry for the short crossing to Calais and then tumbled on to a rattling old French train for the overnight trip to

mong our fellow pligrims. I discovered, Shane and I were virtually the only ones making maiden voyages. With only a few exceptions, the people I spoke to were all returning to Lourdes, some for the ninth, tenth, even seventeenth and eighteenth time. Each person spoke as though he or she were going to an extraordinarily special place, a place quite unlike any other. I was more and more intrigued.

The specially reserved train we were travelling in - about half a mile long - included three ambulance cars, containing I20 beds. They were filled with sick and disabled patients, quite a few of them seriously ill. Several people were brought to the train on stretchers, tubes and intravenous drips held aloft by carers. There were also 35 nurses and ten doctors aboard the train, all volunteers paying to go to Lourdes to work flat out all

week for no pay.
They were joined by 250 other helpers, many of them strapping teenagers - who also pay for the privilege of spending a week voluntarily helping the ill, the disabled the infirm - and around 200 able pilgrims. The male volunteers are known as brancardiers (French for "stretcherbearers"), the females as "handmaids".

40 years, there have been thousands of medically inexplicable cures recorded by the Lourdes Medical Directorate, although only 64 have been formally recognised by the Church as miracles. Beyond this, though,

many of them feel, but which

they rarely get a chance to put into practice. We find each

year that volunteers, particu-

larly the young, are flocking in

reputation as a place of re-

markable cures and miracu-

ever greater numbers."

Lourdes is a place that helps to make sense of pain and suffering. It also helps to make sense of religion. It is Christianity in action in its purest, most impressive, most life-changing

form. A number of people who have gone there as atheists or agnostics have been received into the Catholic Church as a result of their experiences. The sick and disabled are revered as the most precious of God's children, treated with a kindness and a generosity of spirit, that makes them feel extra-ordinarily valued and worthwhile. Anyone in a wheelchair or on a stretcher enjoys absolute priority in Lourdes. "It is clearly a place where God is present, says Father Barry.

present." says Father Barry.
Seen and experienced in this
light. Lourdes ceases to be a
place of tacky shops and
human misery, and instead
becomes a place of shining
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The shops, cafes, bars and
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shrine area—a vast sanchary shrine area — a vast sanctuary known as the Domaine - just fade away. They are there, but they are peripheral, unimpor-tant. Inside the Domaine is everything that really matters. and in there, people behave quite differently from the way they tend to in normal, every-

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Though crowded throughout the pilgrimage season, which runs from Easter to the end of October, the Domaine is wondrously hushed and subdued. People gather quietly at the various churches, at the taps dispensing Lourdes's famous spring water and, most of all, at the grotto,

t was in this area that the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared to a destitute and sickly little girl, Bernadette Soubirous, on 18 separate occasions between February and July 1858. Hymns and prayers in any one of a multitude of languages drift through the air like incense. Thousands of candles born, night and day.

in a never-ending stream, even in the early hours of the morning, people queue in absolute silence to walk around the grotto's semi-circular york wall. The rock itself, though rough to the tauch outside the grotto, is smooth as marble within, polished by the millions of hands that have non along its surface over the As for the sick and informand disabled, why do they make the arduous journey.

Whyle Lauries such a magnetic past 140 years. Hundreds of people sit or kneel outside. deeply absorbed in thought and prayer. All that can be heard is the rushing water of which runs alongside.

Pilgrams wait patiently to enter the grotto or the nearby themselves in the spring water uncovered by Bernadette during one of the apparitions. But as soon as a sick or disabled. person approaches in a wheelchair, the crowds part willingly and volunteer helpers usher. that person to the very front with the kindest of smiles

As I walked around with. Shane, strangers approached me, squeezed my hands, and kissed my son's cheeks. Volun-: teers from the Arundel and Brighton pilgrimage were on hand night and day to help me in any way they could. My son's face began to shine with joy, and on our last night in Lourdes, he thanked me in his. halting speech for having taken him there.

Afterwards, I talked at length with one person after another about what Lourdes meant to them, and was profoundly moved by each and every one's compassion and thoughtfulness.

For me, the most miraculous thing about Lourdes is the way the sick people and the helpers all get such a lift from being with each other," said Dr Kevin Kelly, a Surrey GP. and leader of the group's medical team. "This place calls forth extraordinary love and

Before his first visit, Dr Kelly confesses, he was not impressed by what he had heard about Lourdes. "I thought that it was a lot of hysteria," he said. Now he was: on his eighteenth pilgrimage.

These volunteers do any-

thing and everything — lug-ging hundreds of suitcases

and heavy boxes of medical

equipment on and off trains,

pushing wheelchairs, tending the sick, entertaining children and babysitting. Much of the

equipment required for the

journey must be obtained and

packed in advance: 40 wheel-

medical boxes, food and kitch-

en equipment for the train trip.



Lourdes - 'clearly a place where God is present'

ambulance cars. Heading a small team that

works year-round in an office in the West Sussex town of Storrington to organise the diocese's annual pilgrimage is Lady Sarah Clutton, a daughter of the 16th Duke of Norfolk. Lady Sarah was this year making her twenty-first consecutive pilgrimage, her twentieth as chief organiser. Along with the rest of her team, Lady Sarah works entirely on a voluntary basis.

It is the combination of several hundred volunteer helpers, joining several hun-dred sick, disabled and frail elderly travellers, that helps to elevate a pilgrimage to Lourdes far above any ordinary organised tour. Both groups benefit enormously.

The volunteers work around the clock, they pay to go, and they come back over-joyed," says Father Tony Barry, one of 24 members of the clergy accompanying this year's pilgrimage, which was led by the Bishop of Arundel and Brighton.

"It helps young people ex-press the idealism and yearn-ing for a better world that so

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# Murder and the king of the club kids

When Michael Alig told his friends that he had killed his flatmate, they did nothing. Jason Cowley reports

moter Michael Alig flair for self-promotion, When, in March last year, he told close friends that he had murdered his lover and flatmate, Angel Melendez, they did nothing about it, not even when Angel's legless torso washed up two months later in a wooden box on the shores of Staten Island.

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Alig, 31, was the self-styled king of the club kids", a group of young, narcotised nihilists who emerged in the mid-1980s to create a scene of unimaginable, debauchery at Manhattan nightclubs. He is currently in the Manhattan Correctional Centre charged, together with another friend, known only as Freeze, with the murder of Angel. He has pleaded not guilty, but a documentary about him to be shown next week on Channel 4. Party Monster, features footage of him making one of

The notorious New one of those copycats we hate York nightchib pro- so we killed him. Yes, I killed Angel." He pauses, peers un-certainly at the camera, then adds: "Oh dear, I shouldn't say things like that." The confession was filmed by the English director Fenton Bai-Jey, co-producer of Party Monster, who has known Alig since. they worked together in the late 1980s at Danceteria nightclub and is fascinated by the cult of the club kids.

Friends of Alig were divided over his confessions, some suspecting that they were no more than a publicity stunt. Others suspected, though, that there was a gruesome truth in his story. One of his closest friends, a preny, blonde danc-er called Girsie, had left her family in Miami to become a dub kid after watching a film on cable television about their excesses. She was appalled yet moved by Michael's confession. Il couldn't believe he could do it," she says. "Telling me what he'd done was the numerous drug addled confession. "Angel," he says, his eyes bloodshot and distant, "was did not go to the police: hardest thing in the world for him." As with others. Gitsie





Angel Melendez, left, wanted to be part of the scene, which included Alig dinner parties such as this one at the Bowery Bar. The feeling was that anything could happen and it often did

The complicity and silence of the club kids showed how removed they were from conventional society. To them, what mattered was sensation, the feeling that they existed, even though in distress. Possibly drawing inspiration from Boy George and other British neurotic outsiders of the early 1980s, they dressed outra-geously. They flirted with fetishism and androgyny. Their . image was ironically uncool, surreal, ridiculous. They thought nothing of dressing as a chicken or wearing women's clothes. They looked like infantile freaks from outer

space," says Bailey.
Twisted by drugs, the club kids delighted in obscenity

BEST FRIEND'S STORY

and self-abuse, scourging anyone who had what they pejora-tively called "a normal life". It was as if, in their delusion and fervour, they felt they had journeyed beyond good and evil, entering a blurry, guiltless realm of "pure freedom". where even the murder of Angel, a drug dealer, was

ailey says: "It was amazing that no one These kids had no moral compass at all. At first, I think, they didn't believe the murder was true, that Michael was the killing kind; or perhaps that it was a Post-Modern prank and he would

host an "Angel returns" party. But the thing about Michael was that he was like a Peter Pan. creating his own reality.

Born in South Bend. Indiana, in 1966, Michael Alig grew up in a typical suburban American family. His mother. Elke Alig. remembers her son as quiet and shy at school; his homosexuality became apparent after he moved to New York to attend college in the mid-1980s. He was enraptured by the city: its vibrancy, its danger and possibility. His first job was as a bellboy at Danceteria. He progressed quickly and was soon working as a promoter for Peter Gatien, owner of fashionable clubs. Bailey says: "Michael

was paid to create a scene with its own sense of chaos, glamour and excitement."

His notoriety spread after he organised a series of "outlaw" parties at McDonald's in Times Square and on the subway. The feeling grew that anything could happen — and it frequently did. At Disco 2000, he introduced a "hot body" competition, whereby clubbers stripped and debased themselves. "I couldn't believe what people would do to themselves for a few dollars," says Lahoma. a former drag queen who used to compere the competitions.

With reckless abandon, Alig played with images of disinte-gration and death. At one club

night, clubbers posed as mutilated corpses in glass cases while others wallowed in vats of raw liver. Events became ever more extreme and tawdry. Walt Paper, a former assistant, says: "We were always testing ourselves to see how far we could go, to see how bloody or extreme or

beautiful we could be."

Bailey believes drugs destroyed any sense of morality Alig once had. "When we first met. Michael was a quiet, unassuming kid, very different from the monster he became," he says. "His personality changed completely when he started taking drugs; they deinhibited him.

LOVER'S STORY

in Parry Monster, there is

footage of Alig in prison. Looking thin and wan, his hair receding, he discusses the behaviour of the club kids, though not Angel, with camp playfulness. That his quest for sensation took him to the edge of madness appears to matter less to him than that he embarked on the quest. He expresses no remorse, only a kind of self-admiring wonder.

"It isn't that he feels no remorse," Bailey disagrees.
"It's just that he has difficulty expressing it. What happened to him was the inevitable result of his crazy lifestyle. He was riding a rollercoaster that was out of cuntrol."

Party Monster is on Monday on Channel 4 at 11.30pm

ith shaved eyebrows and a curved steel pin an inch and a half long through his chin, James St James, a former New York "club kid", describes his 12-year friendship with Michael Alig, who was a lowly worker at Danceteria, a Manhattan nightclub, when St James first met him. Alig is now in a New York jail charged with murdering Angel Melendez. St. James has just finished a 70.000 word account of his time with Alig and was interviewed, sipping a screwdriver in a poolside lounger at the Argyle Hotel in Hollywood, where he now lives.

I started the "club kid" movement in about 1985. I had been running around with a Viflage Voice columnist for about a year or so, going to parties and dressing up, doing the whole club thing, wearing tutus and tiaras and flowerpots on our heads

When Michael Alig first moved to New York he worked at Danceteria dearing tables, but you could see that he was taking notes in his head. This was something that interested him, some-

thing he could use. He saw what we were doing, and he saw a way to turn it into something profitable for him. At first he was a cloying little monster who used to chase us around, inviting us to awful parties that nobody wanted to go to. Pretty soon he went from having awful parties at awful clubs to having good parties at good clubs, and we got roped in. In March of 1987, New York magazine put Michael and the club kids on



Michael Alig and James St James, who says: "There's no getting around his charisma" amazing. He rises and falls to

whatever level people ap-proach him at. The club scene

mostly dizzy transvestites

who can't string three words

together, so it's rare to find

the cover, and after that there was no denying him.

Michael is capable of monstrous acts of evil but there's no getting round his charisma. Just to watch him work is

one with whom you can actually exchange ideas. In about 1990, we started doing ketamine, a drug that we called Special K, used by vets as an animal tranquilli er. I was in a downward spiral and became deeply in debt and tried working as a prostitute in the meat-packing district for a month until the other "girls" kicked me out for bringing down the market rate. After that I left town and went to South Beach in Florida for about two years.

It was when I came back that I met Angel Melendez for the first time, but he was such a nasty person that he was never a part of the circle. He was a snide, rude, arrogant son of a bitch, a last-ditch drug dealer whom we used after exhausting all the others. You wouldn't know it to talk

to him, but judging from the way he dressed with those ridiculous wings and the platform shoes and the patent leather outlits, he wanted to be a player, a part of the scene. Michael realised that Angel was the key to the candy factory, but he always despised him. Most drug dealers we came across would just give us whatever we wanted

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for free, but Angel wasn't like that. That's why it was so shocking that he would leave his drugs and money with

Michael every night.

Michael told me he had killed Angel in March of 1996. a couple of weeks after it had happened. I was at a club near Times Square doing Special K. and I stumbled out and ended up at Michael's house.

He said: "James, we have to talk. Let's make ourselves comfortable." He made tea and brought out scones, and he lined up nine bags of heroin and said: "Darling, have you noticed that some body's missing?"
I said I hadn't. We had a sip

of tea and a few scones and a bag of heroin and he said: 'Angel. We killed him and we chopped him up and we threw him in the river." I knew immediately that he was telling the truth.

was more anaesthetised by the shock than the heroin. It wasn't until the next day that I woke up screaming. I went and did two or three grams of Special K and forgot tho I was or where I was, and I did that for about three months. That was how I dealt

with it in the beginning. Later, Michael and I would talk about it. I would shake him and make him tell the story over and over again in extreme detail. I would say: "When you chopped him up, what were you feeling? What was it like to saw the legs off? What kind of knife did you

He would say he'd watched so many Roger Corman mov-ies that he had just put himself in one of them. And he was on so many drugs that he was able to block himself off completely from reality. But the truth is Michael was a monster from the get-go. It was only a matter of time before he imploded.

There was a point where it looked as if he was going to get away with it. Throughout the summer of 1996 I stayed with him and tried to understand it from his point of view. I said nothing to the press, though God knows we were all bombarded by them the whole time. There were people chasing as wherever we went, and I kept my

The police obviously knew something had happened because reporters were calling them every day. They just didn't care. To them Angel was a drug-dealing gay immi-grant; a piece of scom. He was also so despised by people on the scene that they took his murder as a minor thing.

When I heard that the girlfriend of Peter Gation (Disco 2000's owner) had

A CLUB kid who became Michael Alig's lover and later a star disc jockey-recording artiste, "Keoki" recording artiste,

I met Michael on my first night out in New York City. I wasn't out looking for sex. especially not from another guy, but the only person who approached me that night was Michael Alig.

kid scene.

He convinced me to go home with him. I had had a couple of drinks, so we hopped in a cab. I didn't know where the Bronx was and it turned out to be a \$25 cab ride. I had the money but I didn't know that he had had other plans.

He opened the door in front of his building and said "get out, run". So he grabbed me and we ran, and it was snowing I remember. and we both slipped on the ice and fell. We darred around this corner into the alley, and I remember we just started making out and kissing. That was the night I met Michael Alig.

I remember once my

the murder in a phone mess-

age from Michael about the

body, I realised it was time to

come forward. If I didn't I

would be aiding and abetting

from Johnny Melendez, An-

get's brother. He'd heard ru-

mours that something had happened to Angel and had

been posting flyers around

town with a picture of him

wearing those ridiculous

wings. There was a \$4,000 (£2,531) reward. He just

sobbed on the phone for a

couple of hours, saying he

wasn't out for revenge - God would take care of the cul-

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his mother and give his broth-

That was the first time that I

had ever heard anyone be sad

about Angel. In the club scene

in New York people die of

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It wasn't like we were

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ised something needed to be

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Voice and said something has

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i don't know what will

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get the electric chair or he

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I would be so furious that he

had pulled a Michael Alig on

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Soon afterwards I heard

an accessory to murder.

reminisces in Hollywood about his time on the club

Keoki: I'll always love him

brother was visiting me and I came home from work and there was ketchup all over my elevator. I knew this had to be something to do with Michael. I walked into the house and they were both giggling and laughing. They said that someone had got killed in the elevator. They had been watching Blood Feast, which is one of his favourite movies.

Michael for a couple of weeks in early 1996 and when I did he was very incoherent on the phone. I was living in Denver and hearing things, and I really didn't know if I could deal with it. He came to stay with me and would wake up in cold sweats and say "I'm so scared, I'm so scared".

To be quite honest, a year ago i had aiready been preparing to hear that Michael was dead. I was just waiting for someone to call me and tell me that Michael

Angel was the terror drug dealer who would come over and party with Michael and give him loads of drugs and then charse him for them or come by with two big, mean Puerto Rican guys to collect

In his own weird, twisted way Michael's got what he wanted, to be really, really famous: super famous. And no matter what happens to me, whether I end up a hobo or married with four kids. I'll always love him.

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he richness of Dul-wich Picture Gallery's Old Master collechoused in Sir John Soane's exquisite building, needs no extra attractions to tempt visitors. But in recent years the gallery has embarked on an adventurous alliance with contemporary artists, Lucian Freud was the first to display his paintings there alongside Rubens. Now Stephen Cox has been invited

to show his sculpture, in a more extensive show in the 6 His. building and the garden as well. work is

It is a bold initiative for the recently appointed director. Desmond Shawe-Taylor. Plenty of artists would look out of place at Dul-Soane's purged architecture combines with the by Adrian Stokes
Poussins and Rembrandts to in his celebrated essay on The

offer a strongly defined con-text. But Cox is an inspired choice. His work is riddled with references to history, and he shares Poussin's passion for Mediterranean classical art. So the complex layers of meaning in Cox's exhibits take on an additional significance here, as well as showing how modern sculpture can be nourished by surprising links with

Not that he approaches tradition in a slavish manner. Cox first made his reputation, during the 1970s, as a maker of plasterboard reliefs in tune with American Minimalism. Austere yet shimmering, these monumental works could hardly have

spiritual dimension. And these reliefs were strangely unclassi-fiable, revealing the breadth of his interest in painting, sculpture and architecture.

Cox's involvement with the various branches of the visual arts were seen in a far more today, therefore seems inevitable. He left England to work there in 1979, and his sculpture

changed quickly. stone, he produced circular reliefs of more modest dimensions. And one in particular, lent to Dulwich by the Tate, proclaimed the full extent of his

Quattrocento. Cox was enormously excited by the early writings of Stokes, another northern European who suc-Agostino di Duccio's 15thcentury carvings in the Malatesta temple at Rimini. Within this extraordinary Renaissance building. Alberti's architecture achieves a potent union with the sinuous relief sculpture on its walls. We Must Always Turn South rejoices in a similar sense of awakening, filling the compact lump of Italian marble with a glowing oval reminis-

Not all the carvings of early 1980s are so sumptuous. In Tondo: Lunar Influences to



Inspired by catamarans riding a majestic wave, Stephen Cox's spectacular granite sculpture Yatra now sits in the Dulwich Gallery garden, with his Kani in the background

Agostino di Duccio, the use of colour is more restrained to suit its paler inspiration. But the smoothness of the central circle is contrasted with the rougher surface of the stone undulating around its edges. And by 1983 these rippling forms had taken on a flamboy ant life of their own. Baroque theatricality began

cent of an ascendant sun. to replace the earlier simplicsensual, too. In Tondo: Sorgente the Peperino stone

swells into plump breasts. And by this time he was also prepared to work on a more dramatic scale. Square, redolent of Bernini's architecture in Rome, fills its wall with aplomb. Cox handles the six travertine slabs like a painter, suffusing them with restrained colour. But he also reveals how they interact with the wall: the vertical white come part of the piece.

manding room, Cox's work explores a new and more tragic mood. Denosition I presents us with tantalising fragments of the biblical scene, all the more mournful being broken into pieces that can never be fitted together again. But the most harrowing exhibit is Cloaca Maxima. inspired by the brutal butchery of St Sebastian after Diohim with arrows. His body was dismembered before being thrown into the Roman segments of the saint's limbs

once meiancholy and sensual. The preoccupation with death did not last long. With hindsight, we can see how it prophesied the end of Cox's love affair with Italy. In 1985, when representing Britain at the Indian Triennale, he began to immerse himself in the art of the sub-continent. Fascinated by the fusion of the sexual and the spiritual in so many Indian images he decid-

in a whirling formation, at

ed to work there. But the break with Italy was neither sudden nor complete. One of the first works he made. in India, Etruscan, took as its source a medieval palazzo in

1960. Familiar objects are stacked on top

of each other, arranged into two dimen-sional pictorial relation with each other.

The method of display, however, seems to carry the notion of the "found" object no

further. Display boxes or cabinets have been hastily put together out of sheet metal to make an actual edge or frame for

the aesthetic pile inside.

The best is Ironic Pressing, a line of

shirts just back from the laundry in

plastic wrappers, hung in a metal box wardrobe" over a heap of irons. Saws cut

through the top of another cabinet in a bowing arrangement, while typing paper

and collected or accumulated typewriters are displayed in an old-fashioned shop-

Accumulation in Relation, Mayor Gal-lery. 22a Cork Street. London WI (017)-

Viterbo. There, high up on the façade, two enlarged eyes gaz-ing from a shield had intrigued Cox. He decided to produce a carving inspired by the organs of the senses. And ces of Black Indian granite ighlights a different part of the human face. The ears,

eyes, lips and nose oil its dark stains emphasise the organs with almost religious solemnity. reflecting Cox's the role played by sculpture in Indian

in work, often on a large scale, he further explored how we try to comprehend our place in the Universe through the senses. Hinduism

prise; and the granite group called Organs of Action, posi-tioned outdoors at Dulwich, is his most monolithic expres sion of the theme. The oilsplashed boulders look: thoroughly at home here. And the opening-up of the rest of the gallery's garden to his Arman's current work at Mayor Gallery is probably not altogether differ-ent from that which he showed in Paris in

impulse is found in his

> potent backdrop for the 15-ton Intesculpture 7 rior Space. For this with its slit-like opening lead-ing to a dark interior, stems from Cox's visit to the tombs of Apis bulk near the Sakkara pyramids.

In recent years, Egypt has become his latest land of pilgrimage and nourishment. Since his first visit there in 1989 he has worked a great deal with the imperial porphyry, a material once regarded as the exclusive preserve of the conquering Roman Emperor.

locations are pro-vided as well

Some's architec-

eum, acts as a

An expedition to the quarry at other carvings is a revelation. Mons Porphyrites in the East-ern Mountains of Egypt im-pressed Cox profoundly, and led to a sequence of works This superb setting deserves to become one of the prime showcases for open-air sculpture exhibitions in London. If certainly proves ideal for Cox's

dauntingly hard material.

Fis love of porphyry is most movingly conveyed inside More infimate chamber. But by restricting himself to a few small carv ings, placed modestly round the circular floor, Cox succeeds in enhancing the somture, with its mysterious Mauso-

bre, memorial aura. It helped me to understand the spiritual impulse running through all Cox's work. Despite the variety of styles and yond everyday experience to-wards a heightened consciousness gives his sculpture unexpected unity. I cannot Imagine a contemporary sculptor more suited to the heart of Soane's building. where silence takes on an eloquence of its own.

Stephen Cox is at Dubwich Picture Gallery, College Rd, London SE21 (018)-693 5254) until

AROUND THE --GALLERIES Stuart Cumberland's work shifts and changes with a light touch. For Still Things, a show he shares with Phill Allen at the Approach, he has painted good but awkward paintings, and whittled apparently real pencils out of wood in order to provide a series of "under-important"

paintings, however, sit completely confi-dent in their own contemporary halfway The Approach, 1st Floor, 47 Approach Road, London E2 (0181-983 3878), until

weightless contributions. On the other side of the room, Allen's dodgem cars look heavy, with much cardboard and paint

used to embellish the pretence. Here the

boy's toy has been reinvented to play a part almost more physical in reality than the initial model. Cumberland's still-life

Stephen Elson's strange metallic, riveted globe hangs from the ceiling just inside the door at Apatars, Entwistle's current show. It spins or turns every now and then like a spatial prop from Bladerunner. Jun Hasegawa's line-up of cut-out cartoon figures shows "portraits" of affable and amenable young men smiling as if on their way to the gym. This highly bland painting drops smoothly across the lat surface, and yet Hasegawa across the flat surface, and yer riasegawa seems caught in a perpetual warp or groove, questioning the extent to which these people might represent anything at all. Paul Frinnegaa's distorted photographs show faces elongated and extended by a trick of the lens. Objects are blended into the surface to merge with human skin which bulls and distorts the hungan skin which pulls and distorts the

Entwistle, & Cork Street London WI (017)-734 6440). until Saturday

SACHA CRADDOCK

## Plumbing the piano shallows

when Evgeny Kissia became the first performer to give a full-length solo recital. Alas. the big event served only to confirm that the 25-year-old Kissin, who plays with phenomenal beauty of tone and passesses one of the most dazzling pianistic techniques today, has not developed

734 3558), until August 27

insights of his prodigy years. Putting the piano on a raised platform in the middle of the arena made him look all the more like a circus act. Lapping up the applause, he trotted up and down like a toy soldier, and gave in to a demanding faction of the audience who kept him going for 40 minutes of encores in a

gramme. sensational. playing the virtuoso Hungar-No 12 with all the freedom of

a gypsy performance. The famous Liebestraum was built to a grand climax. But music that goes deeper was more problematic. There was movement of Haydin's Sonata No 52 in E flat, and its Adagio went dreamily, but there is more to the Presto than the music-box pianism we heard. His Chopin, two Nocturnes and the Sonata No.3, was perfectly balanced

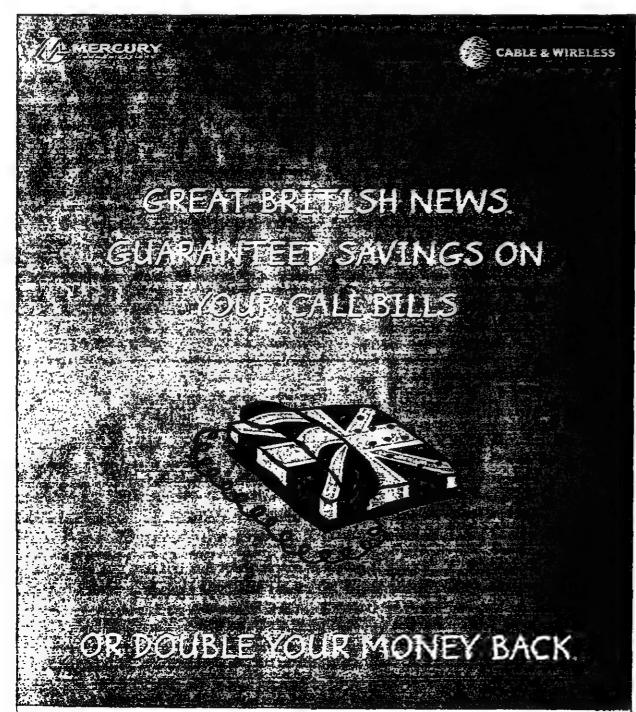
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Revolution-Romantique and the Modile-verdi Cheir. His first half consisted of four minor choral works by Schubert is cred and semilar for a variety of ensembles and voices. He conducted all with conviction. The two more

earnest works probably deserve their neglent, but the hovely Smhar Mater and servene Psahn 23, hoth righty sung, were a pleasure in hear. Whether our of solidarity with the Promenaders of so show their seriousness the

strings stood throughout Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Raspy brass and characterfel winds are not new in this music, but there were plenty of revelations: this was the first performance of Jonathan Del Mar's cleaned up version of the text, and the more noticeable corrections were very startling. Most of them come in the finale. where the Turkish March went with exhibarating brio. indeed Gardiner gave the whole movement real propulsion, but was less convancing in the Adagto, which lacked spirituality. Luba Organiasova, Bernarda Pink, Gordon Cietz and Bryn Terfel made an excellent quarter of soloists.

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# Full Marx for laughter

orky called Nikolai Erdman "our new Gogol\* His Suisevere Stanislavsky laugh so much he had to beg the author to stop reading it aloud, "or my heart couldn't have stood the strain". But then Stalin. flipped through the play, his apparatchiks banned it, and, though pobody knows his precise fate, Erdman went the way of Babel, Schwarz and a generation of gifted drama-tists. The robust and often hilarious production with which that line Edinburgh company. Communicado. launches this year's Fringe makes it amply clear what a loss to be thearre he was.

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Gogel's satirio influence is surely somewhere behind the tale of Semyon, the unemployed Muscovite whose last hope, carning mega-roubles by learning to play the take inevisibly collapses. The word gets about that he proposes to kill himself, whereigh an ecceptic cross-section of Russians turns up in his pokey lat, each asking him to leave he had a suicide acte an nouncing that he as making a making to centure another or the street of the later of the la public gesture on behalf of Grimes as the self-styled voice study faction or cause. The of the Soviet postal workers paid importunate is the representation of the mailinear through a keyhole, his excuse the properties of the mailinear through a keyhole, his excuse the properties of the soviet postal workers. Caught peeking at a woman through a keyhole, his excuse in the properties of the soviet point of view again or the stand wants Senhoon. Writing to Pravada to complain



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play has sharp things to say about censurship, bureaucracy, corruption and the failure of socialism to bring ordinary people "a quiet life and a decent income". Its cheekiest and, in retrospect, most dangerous moments come when Conleth Hill's Semyon drunkenly phones the Kremlin to tell "the man at the top" he no longer believes in Marc but the funniest belong to Peter

authorities and wants Serbyon Writing to Pravda to complain about an overseued neighbour, he signs himself "35,000 pospinen", earnestly explaining that this is his pen name. Cle Joes massive rump was flattening the Soviet theatre, indeed it is still itsing that this is his pen name. Grimes had me in stitches, but then so old Hill's Semyon, with his baffled face, crampled shoulders and manic desperation. The scene in which he



Sons and mothers: Benedick Bates as Lucas and Linda Marlowe as Reb in The Cub

five, no ten, no 207 out-Ayckbourns Ayckbourn both in the laughter it generates and in the darkness behind it. I doubt if anything in Edin-burgh this year will match Erdman and his current director, Gerry Mulgrew, for quirky inventiveness. Steph-

keeps trying and failing to anie McKnight's The Cub shoot himself ("I'll count to doesn't begin to do so desnite an opening in which a sinister. bestockinged figure breaks into a kitchen, eats some pudding, threatens the householder with a knife - and is then revealed as her son. What then occurs is an incestuous encounter between Linda Marlowe as the half-unwilling

mum ("there are other kinds of love, Lucas, love of mankind") and her wild, wayward boy. But the complications that follow lack plausibility, depth. interest or, as far as I could sec, point. By Traverse standards, a flimsy piece.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

#### FRINGE COMEDY

## Who's the joker?

nature of comedy and comedians.

as me naucous Aussie agitator choosing between success and integrity, but Byrne is less convincing as the anodyne Perrier nominee Edward Byron. His characterisation takes on a disturbing slant when seen in tandem with his stand-up show, Psychobabble. In The Act, the fictional Edward Byron appears in an outsized suit doing "Kids" TV is all about drugs/Women - I don't understand them!" material. in Psychobabble the real Ed Byrne likewise appears in an outsized suit. One performance is an ironic attack on crowd-pleasing commercialism, the

Alone. Byrne plays his audience beautifully, and his wry, confessional stand-up set is very funny. He applies Freud to his life, and uses his life

Oedipus, Jocasta and Co all get short shrift, and his segues into film and

Richard Herring that they almost deserve an independent festival annex. Their double act, This Morning with Richard not Judy II (Pleasance), is a possessed chat show, complete with proper guests and piano accompaniment. Tickets are sold by auction, from lp to £8, and occasionally reimbursed during a series of grotesque, money-grubbing competitions. The show is largely unscripted, but despite an early time slot, the audience is maintained in state of almost perpetual hysteria. Lee and Herring have an electric complicity, and their urge to push comedy as far as possible has not been eased by the demon television.

Of the two it is Lee who makes the really experimental pitch. He is delimisenthronic his tracedy is that the audience never quite keeps up with his intertextual contortions. Cus tomers for King Dong vs Moby Dick (Pleasance) are handed a copy of Melville's novel on arrival. Lee runs the hour like a sardonic seminar tutor. and an apparent jumble of often lowkey material is teased into a surprisingly satisfying dénouement.

Central to Herring's Excavating

Rita (Pleasance) is an assured comingof-age comedy. Ian Snell is an obnoxious literary-minded 18-year-old who joins an archaeological dig. Love, death and boorish masculinity each affect his Beckett-sodden mind, before he leaves for university, an only slightly changed man. The subtly shifting group dynamics are beautiful-

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THE falking of The Rife of Spring was a positive relief. After such a moving interpretation of Bartok's rarely heard but balefully aspired Four Pieces, Op 12, and such a farilling account of Boulezs Notabolls 1-17, an authen cally shattering Rite of Spring would inmibled slightly) and the despair of the have been no much for the opening Marcia functors: were so precisely concert isponsored by Scottish Newcastle) of a busy festival.

it was not a bad performance of The Rite of Spring — Pierre Bouler is surely incapable of delivering any such thing — and for the Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra, which will be performing the work no fewer than six times on its present tour of the top European festivals (including the BBC Proms tonight), it was surely a technical revelation: But, at the end of an eventual concert, the feeling was that Boulez has conducted it at least once too often. While his attention to details of rhythm and colour was as precise as ever, he seemed unable or unwilling to summon the energy required to invest it with the savagery commonly but not inappropriately associated with it.

Apart from the suddealy induced intensity in the middle of the Menuet and an interesting treatment of the central section of the Rigaudon, Le Tombeau de Couperin was disappointing too. Indeed, in comparison with what he did with the Bartok, Boulez made Ravel sound almost trivial. There must be something in him that identifies with the nausea — which is not too strong a word after this performance - at the heart of the Four

Written for the most part in 1912. though not orchestrated until ten years later, that Bartok score is no less expressive of the contemporary maiaise than The Rite of Spring. And the conductor did not fall to register the fact. There are lovely lyrical moments in the Four Pieces, perticularly in the Prelude, but the streetwise violence of the Scherzo, the sense of loss in the Marcia funebre were so precisely projected as to hit on every nerve.

The extraordinary thing about this is that the same kind of feeling was communicated by the first of Boulez's own Notations. Orchestral reworkings of piano pieces he wrote more than 50 years ago, they clearly reveal the Messiaen and the Stravinsky influences the composer was assimilating at the time: the last in this particular selection sounded like a simultaneous compression of Turangalila and The Rive of Spring, But, under the composer's direction, the young musicians discovered more than the mere externals, distractingly and dazzlingly brilliant in sound though they are. The audience was, at this point, ecstatic.

GERALD LARNER

NOT content with saturating the Pringe with comedy, the comedians are taking over the theatre. Irish stand-up Ed Byrne prefaces his solo show with The Act (Gilded Ballroom). Written with and co-starring Brendan Burns. The Act follows two comedians sharing a flat during the Fringe. The play kicks off like a tired lager, spliff and flatmate-scum sitcom, but as the pair's careers diverge it begins to examine the

other is part of a heavyweight bid for Perrier eligibility. Go figure.

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## What goes up may just stay up

Anatole Kaletsky says shares

and sterling can defy gravity

well known principle of terrestrial physics is often invoked by exasperated businessmen and central bankers praying for the end of an unwelcome currency trend, such as the recent advance of sterling. It is also a favourite of frustrated investors trying to predict the collapse of some great hull market on which

they have missed out. Accordingly, the phrase was on many lips in the City last Friday as two of the most powerful and misinterpreted financial trends of the decade - the great bull market on Wall Street and the recent surge of the pound - seemed suddenly to go into reverse.

Many of the financiers, poli-cymakers and businessmen who had been wrongfooted by both these powerful financial moves must have spent the weekend in joyful contemplation of the laws of financial gravity as they watched the pound fall by ten plennigs and the Dow Jones industrial average tumble by 150 points on Friday night. But their relief was short-lived. By yesterday afternoon both the pound and

seemed to forget about gravity. hit a plateau, showing no inclination to continue their descent back to earth. It is, of course, impossible to conclude much from a single day's trading in financial markets. But one lesson, which laymen often

forget to their great cost, can be drawn: there is no such thing as now is that they are about to financial gravity; in these markets what goes up does not necessarily come down.

Experience, in fact, suggests that long-running trends in financial markets are much more likely to continue than to

go into reverse.
It is therefore with caution and humility that anyone should defy the kind of powerful trends seen in the global stock market and the British foreign exchanges in the past

Even Alan Greenspan, the Chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board and unquestionably the world's most powerful financier, was reminded of his impotence against financial momentum last December, when he warned that the bull market on Wall Street was driven by "irrational exuberance" and predicted that global share prices might soon go into reverse. Since his sneech, shares have advanced by a further 25 per cent.

The intriguing question we face in Britain is whether the Bank of England will prove any more accurate than Mr Greenspan in its suggestion last Thursday that the upward trend in sterling is about to go into reverse.

My hunch, for what it is worth, is that Mr Greenspan may finally be vindicated, but the Bank, to the chagrin of British manufacturers and exporters, is likely to be proved wrong. The worldwide bull market in shares may be about to suffer a serious setback, but the powerful advarice of sterling is not yet over vance of sterling is not yet over and last week's sharp decline unfortunately still points up.

hat goes up must is more likely to create the come down. This conditions for another big upward thrust than to presage a return to the days of the cheap pound. The reasons for expecting a

big fall in share prices have

widely discussed by many market commentators for the past three years -plenty of analysts have, in fact, been predicting a crash from almost the day the bull market started in January 1995. Until recently, however, bearish fac-tors such as very low divi-dends and high share valuations have been far outweighed by the excellent prospects for company profits. inflation and economic growth. But with the world economic recovery, maturing shares no longer seem as cheap as they clearly were in 1995 and 1996. In addition. investors seem to have gradually forgotten the fears of recession, inflation and financial crisis that have haunted them since the present phase of the bull market began.

Ironically, Mr Greenspan's own conversion two weeks ago to the view the bull market may, after all, be justified by basic improvements in the

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economy" has been one of the forces pushing sen-timent on Wall Street across the invisible boundary soundly between confidence and dangerous complacency.

stock markets have been happily climbing what traders

worry". The danger start sliding down "the slope of hope". When investors are worried, share prices move higher every time something happens to offer them reassur ance or new hope. But when markets are over hopeful, any disappointment can trigger a

The conditions in the sterling exchanges are a mirror image of those on Wali Street. Fundamental economic conditions remain extremely bullish for the pound: the world's highest interest rates, rapid growth, a still-strong balance of payments and an independent central hank determined to prove its mettle. Yet almost all of the players in the foreign exchange market remain deeply sceptical. Politicians talk privately of seeing the pound down to DM2.50. The Bank might not go so far, but makes no secret of its desire for a weaker pound. Industri-alists and investors describe the exchange rate as uncompetitive and overvalued. Yet Britain's trade remains in balance and many exporting companies remain profitable. albeit less so than they were a

Eventually the strong pound will probably hit exporters and may even cause a recession or a balance of payments crisis. But until there is clear evidence of such problems, the market is likely to stick to what it knows how to do best: it will climb a wall of worry and follow the trend. And in the

We are morbidly fascinated by grisly entertainment — but most of us couldn't cope with a nosebleed

#### Peering round the when historians portray the closing years of our milleurium, I hope they do not get us wrong. To assist any highly evolved descendant of mine who may be downloading this in a virtual library (or, possibly, digging with spade-like hands in a radioactive rubbish tip) I would like to mention one curious door of the morgue would like to mention one carrious thing. I would like historians to know that in this summer of 1997, whenev-

entered the public domain because nobody was ever brought to trial. Mrs Phelos has waited five years to bring the case because she didn't want her other children to know the detail of their sister's death. She says: This is something that's got to be done ... we lost our precious pride and joy and then that woman writes a

book and sits down on TV smiling as

if she's done something hig."

The case may fizzle out: the Phelps

family live in a trailer and Patricia

Cornwell is very rich. Even without

that, the American courts might well

decide that novelists are chronic

jackdaws and can't be stopped from

pinching bits of real life. Perhaps the

defence will proudly argue that there was no borrowing, claiming that Ms Conwell has just as deprayed an

imagination as any sadistic sex murderer and is therefore quite capable of making up disgusting munilations all by herself.

But I am glad of the case, if only

because it forces upon the rest of us

the contrast between the glitz of the

crime-thriller and the unglamorous

misery of real murder. It also

underlines how morbidly explicit books have become about physical

cruelty. Our modish worries about

films and videos tend to obscure the

fact that the books got there first:

whether posing as literature in the school of Will Self, or merely as light

reading for the beach, authors have

steadily pushed back the frontiers of

acceptable indecency and gloried in it. "Powerful and harrowing," say the

know they make a Y-shaped incision?", to which the second replied: "Yes. I know, and they have water running down the table all the time." The third (me, actually) said: "That's funny, only two pages ago Commissario Guido Brunetti of the Venice Police was in the autopsy room at San Michele. He's out now, thank God, and eating some beautifully described risotto parmigiano."

er a group of English-speaking

readers was laid out in the sun with

paperback fiction balanced on its

chests, at least one of them would be

In our case, there were three of us,

on a boat. One said: "Yuk! Did you

reading about an autopsy.

Then we all sank back happily into our airport thrillers. But it rang a bell when I heard that in Richmond, Virginia, Patricia Cornwell is being sued. Ms Cornwell is a crime writer. who has won lavish praise and sales for her meticulous autopsy-room details; she is known to hang out with pathologists and "assist" at post-morterns. Publicity photographs sometimes show her in goggles, peering knowledgeably at nasty jars.
But this time, according to the family of a murder victim, the author a real autopsy report for her novel All That Remains. Mirs Jewel Pheips, the mother of a murdered teenage girl, says it was clear that the detail of the fictional victim's torture - eyeballs, toenails, final position of the body, let us go no further - was lifted directly from the real autopsy report on her daughter, Annamaria, who died hor-

"Not for the squeamish ... grisly authenticity ... the true sights, sounds and smells of the morgue."

Sometimes (notably on novels by our new peeress, Ruth Rendell) the hucksterish tour-guide promises to take us "inside the mind of a psychopath", as if that were generally accepted as a fun place to be. Then when fiction fails, there is always another book about Fred West, Dennis Nilsen, Jeffrey Dahmer or

campaign is invigorated by the fact that every squelch and scream really happened. Wow!

In blacker moments, I take this prevailing necrophilia as a sign of decadence: deeper than Nero's amphitheatre saw, because at least the Romans turned up in person to sit on hard stone benches as the day's entertainment was eaten by lions. They did not expect the intimate details of fellow-humans' deaths to be brought direct to their sun-lounger: But since the sun is shining, let us

because we have gone suddenly soft in the past half century, and we know it and are embarrassed.

Maybe all this stoff about Y-shaped incisions and glistening entrails is our way of reproving ourselves for having become the sort of people who not only can't wring a chicken's neck, but panic if required to "draw" one. Remember that job? I saw my mother do it every Sunday morning with the aid of a large sherry, it must now be as arcane a skill as well-dressing. Nor are most men any braver: go to any seaside pier where children fish and you will see white-faced Daddies wincing and whimpering as they try to disguise the fact that they have not the faintest.

idea how to gut a mackerel.

Maybe all the prevailing violence and machismo of popular culture appeals only because we have grown so wet in real life. It has been a rapid change our parents and grandpar-ents faced danger at the Pront and privation and improvisation at home. Fifty years on, the British way is to worry incessantly about our food, go to law for transna and distress when we survive a disaster — or even, witness one, to fret if our life expectancy drops from 78.3 years to 76.2, and need to be told nightly by TV Nanny to come in out of the hot sun after 35 perilous minutes. Our public swimming pools — once bracing — are heated to soup-like temperatures, and our houses scaled from winter air with such efficiency

epidemic. We agonise endlessly in print and on confessional TV about such new-fangled forms of affliction as low self-esteem, shortage of semal bliss, and (currently fashionable) the "pain" having a baby of the gender you didn't happen to want.

I am sure the two things go logether: an ever less realistic way of life and a hunger for depictions of

itie and a hunger for depictions of danger and death and extreme hardship. I was in the BBC Television Centre canteen during Sir Ranulph Fiennes's first famous polar walk, and my companion kept grumbling that these expeditions had got too easy with modern aids. He was quite put out when i reminded him that fen minutes earlier he had rejected the option of walking down to Shepherds Bush for lunch on the grounds that the pavement was "lethally icy". It is the same with war. the wartime generation produced films and books about war which were restrained, understated, and focused more on human values and idealism than on bloody detail. Modern audiences — who panic at a posebleed if it happens to be their nose - demand a steady diet of tornoff limbs and incinerated faces.

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r again, look around the lobby of your local multiscreen cinema. Crowds of shuffling, dough-faced adolescent boys in trainers are queueing to see an action movie full of cops running down killers or Marines plunging through sheets of blood. Meanwhile, box-office leatlets and screen commercials woo them with increasingly desperate recruiting messages from the Armed Services. The ranks cannot be filled because the doughfaced tecnagers either don't fancy the discipline or else fail the basic fitness

what the enswer is. I just wanted that eggheaded historian of AD2997 to know that even at the time, some of us

# Parliamentarian at bay

Magnus Linklater

on a threat to

deselect the man

who asked the West

Lothian question

t is hard to imagine six words more inappropriate to that great campaigner, Tam Dalyell. MP: "He can't say what he likes." They were uttered this v end by the secretary of Mr Dalyell's constituency party in Linlithgow, and they signalled the start of a process which could result in his deselection. Mr Dalyeli's unswerving opposition to devolution in Scotland, and his refusal to keep quiet on the subject have finally become too much for some local officials — they want him out. Thus, if events take their course, the 35-year parliamentary career of the most formidable backbencher in the present House of Commons may be nearing its end. Mr Dalyell himself concedes as much. "There is every chance I will be deselected," he says. "I regard it as a fact of life. People who have very strong views in politics, which are not shared, have to face the consequences."

But has it really come to this? That an MP with strong and undeviating views on one of the great constitutional issues of the day can be voted out by a local clique because they happen not to accord with government policy? A House of Commons without Tam Dalyell seems inconceivable. This, after all, is not just any backbencher. This is the man who torpedoed Margaret Thatcher over the Belgrano, campaigned relentlessly over the Westland affair, predicted the ecological disasters of the Gulf War, sought doggedly to expose the truth about Lockerbie, and has got up the noses of more Tory ministers in the course of a fearless career than the entire present Cabinet. One might have imagined that his

achievements on behalf of his party, together with a reputation for unimpeachable integrity, and an ability, as one admirer put it, "to smell a really good rat" would summon the Labour leadership to his defence. After all. the National Executive has not itated to intervene in local constit-

uency affairs (witness Paisley and the Gordon McMaster affair). Tony Blair has made it clear that there is no gagging order on MPs who wish to express individual points of view, and must surely therefore defend to the hilt Mr Dalyell's right to speak out. So far, however, the silence from on high has been dealening. There have been no robust offers of support from the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, no honeyed words from the Minister

without Portfolio, Peter Mandelson. Of course, Mr Dalyell, who rarely fails to tread on a protruding foot if he comes across one, has not helped his cause by attacking Mr Mandelson personally. He described the minis-ter's view that devolution would strengthen Scotland's role in the UK as follows: "If Peter Mandelson is going to play a leading role in the devolution campaign, then he should not say such silly things." This remark was not best calculated to win

the minister's unstinting support.

And yet the Dalyell cause is surely an ideal one for the party to embrace. By standing up for his right to disagree, it would demonstrate at a stroke that it is the party of the individual, rather than the thought police. It would show to the public at large that it is confident enough to allow principled dissent, however inconvenient, and it would, in backing Mr Daiyell, he supporting a noble cause - he has, after all, acquired the status by now of National Treasure

The Linlithgow party will argue

that it cannot tolerate an MP who threatens to undermine its campaign to secure a yes, yes" vote in the forthcoming referendum. Some of its members claim that Mr Dalyell has gone back on his word not to speak out against devolution and have come as close as they can to accusing him of deceit. That suggestion, of course, has been like a red rag to the Dalyell buil. He says that at his selection conference two years ago he undertook to confine his objections to

on any jorthorning Scotland Act, and that he would not form a Labour "Vote No" campaign—as he did with Robin Cook in 1979. But that undertaking was given before he learnt that the referendum would be held only on a White Paper, thus pre-empting the debate: As recently as May, he claims, Mr Blair promised that the Bill would precede the referendum.

The White Paper changed all that

The White Paper changed all that. He has therefore let it be known that he will speak up if asked. Today he goes in talk to the computer firm Hewlett Packard. He has agreed to take part in a forthcoming debate with pro-devolutionists. In his own ords, it is a case of "have speech. will travel". This all seems thorough by healthy. If the debate on a Scottish parliament is to be a real, rather than a cosmetic, exercise, then it needs intelligent and thought-provoking discussions of the kind Mr Dalyell can guarantee. The party that feels it cannot tolerate this level of argument diminishes itself as much as it does the principle of free expression.

Tho, after all, is the local party organisation representing anyway? Not,
I would guess, the constituents themselves. Mr Dalyell's views are not exactly new. Indeed, it is nearly two decades since he first propounded the West Lothian question - the most famous issue in the whole devolution debate. At each subsequent election the voters of the two constituencies he has represented. - West Lothian and Linlithgow have returned him with thumping majorities. The fact is that apart from his national reputation, he also happens to be an able, hard-working and extremely popular constituency MP. There is no mechanism in such matters for taking the views of the ordinary voter into consideration. But I have a shrewd idea whom they would support if offered the chance.

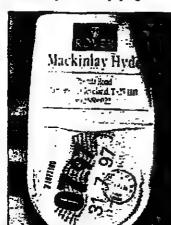
So perhaps the local party should go back to its grass roots and think again. After all, it would be ironic if the answer to the West Lothian Question were finally given - by sacking the man who first asked it.

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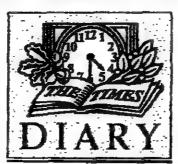
announced plans to crack down on driving round town in an untaxed car. Mandelson has an L-reg dark green Rover for his own personal use, which he bought in his Hartlepool constituency. The tax disc displayed in the front window expired at the end of July.



Mandelson is naturally a busy man, sweeping up in the absence of the Prime Minister, Just last week. however, Baroness Hayman, the Roads Minister, stood guard over the crushing of a white Ford Sierra to show what would happen to untaxed cars in future. Honest motorists are fed up with carrying the bill for the hard core who continually evade paying their



Mandelson and his expired car tax disc send for the crusher



road tax." she said. From August 18, untaxed cars such as Mandelson's will be clamped. nowed, sold or crushed in order to recoup the £175 million lost to the Treasury by dodgers. Over at the Minister without Car

Tax's Downing Street office, his assistant, Benjamin Wegg-Prosser, said: "If it has expired, I'm sure it will be renewed immediately." The next time Mandelson steps

into his car, however, he should remind himself of the posters which his Government will be pasting up across the land. They show a crushed car with the words: "Do you fee! lucky, Dodger?"

Quiet guns DESPITE the recent shooting

boom, since the discovery of the

"Grouse Moor babes", today promises to be a quiet Glorious Twelfth. An early spring caused the grouse to breed too soon and subsequent bad weather has seen off many of

"Almost no one will be shooting tomorrow," said a despondent Brit-ish Field Sports Society press officer. The dreadful weather is the culprit. Over at the British Association for Shooting and Conservation the gutts were still firmly in their cases. "It's not only the weather, but a tick," said a spokesman. "It lives on sheep and is transmit-ting the louping-ill virus to the grouse chicks."

Gerald Turton, however, father of "grouse-babes" Natasha and Topsy Turtan, and owner of a moor at Roxby. North Yorkshire, is circumspect about the news, "We have this debate every year. I think it is likely that there will be some

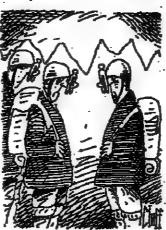
Clocking off

WHEN John Major became Prime Minister, he ordered all ticking and chiming clocks to be removed from his private quarters on the top floor of No 10. This insight into the Ma-jor mind comes in a piece in the latest Ministry of Defence newsletter. Focus, by Clive Osborne, whose

firm A.A. Osborne & Son (Est. 1615) is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all of Whitehall's clocks. It fits in with the other pointers we have had to Major's obsessiveness: his fear of going grey, his fanatical personal grooming.

"Mr Major didn't like the sound of clocks striking, so had no mechanical pieces in his private flat." says Osborne. "With the new chappy they've gone back again."

• South Africa's film industry is preparing for the arrival of the



"I'm concerned that no one

crew of Mambo, a film about elephants to be produced by Dodi. Fayed Filming will begin soon at Shamwari Game Reserve, in South Africa's Eastern Cape. It is hoped that the entire \$60 million cost of the film will be stumped up from Al Fayed coffers because it touches on the evils of landmines, a special interest of his friend Diana, Princess

#### Flow blow

FLASH floods in east Devon have struck the home of Angela Brown Anipodeans, the Canberra Raiding, Conservative MP for Tiverton ers rugby league team.

The free flowing beer and testos Shadow frontbench education tenone led to primitive contests of team. On Thursday night, when Mrs Browning heard the rush of water into her house, she came to wimpromptu displays of topless the top of her stairs and shone a torch into the power-cut gloom. There, floating by the banister, were three volumes of the Dearing Report on Higher Education.

"I was hoping to read it in the recess," says Mrs Browning, who has had to order another copy. Lots of my personal things have gone and the insurance company. deputy. manager. Gordon are going to have to put us up for Dennissown. If anything, the othseveral weeks before the house is fit or guests were amused by the
to live in.

Not that Mrs Browning and the
folk of east. Devon are quitiers.

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There is a good wartime spirit down here, she says.

#### Wild boys

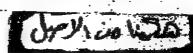
WITH the Ashes secured, the Australian cricket team opted for a low-key celebration in Nottingham on Sunday night, in contrast with the beery affair which followed their success at Headingley.

On that occasion, the Australian

captain Mark Taylor and his boys were joined at the bar of the Holi-day Inn. Leeds, by fellow visiting

terone led to primitive contests of brute, strength and scrummaging. bizaire drinking competitions and wresting At one point, Taylor was crash tacked by several playful Raiders, turned upside down and shaken so violently he was moved

to retreat from the bar and escape with his wife for supper. There was some boisterousgood humber in the celebrations, but no complaints," said the hotel's



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#### A BALANCE OF RIGHTS

The register should be a tripwire, not a branding iron.

The proposed national register of sex offenders could make a contribution to preventing some sexual offences. But, as the Home Office Minister Alun Michael has wisely made clear, its influence for good or ill should not be overstated. The horrific nature of many sexual crimes has made it difficult to conduct a rational debate. Arguments about probabilities and principles inevitably sound unfeeling to those whose families have been devastated. Civil libertarians, probation officers and parents should all recognise that the register is a tool of crime prevention, not an engine of retribution. It is meant to be a tripwire, not a branding-iron.

... No register of sex offenders can hope to be comprehensive. It will be years before any register comes close. Inclusion on the register is very far from being a guarantee that an individual will not reoffend. Nevertheless, the register can go some way to providing practical reassurance. By providing local police and schoolteachers with information that will make it more difficult for the compulsive paedophile to insinuate himself into the company of children, a measure of protection, albeit limited, is provided. Local agencies will be encouraged to review how to limit the risk to the vulnerable.

Libertarians oppose the plan on principled grounds. Some libertarian objections still require an answer. Why should a crime which only merits a caution be sufficient to ensure inclusion on the register? Why. should gross indecency, the committing of acts in public which are better restricted to the bedroom, be bracketed with offences which do not involve consent? There are other objections, worth rehearsing, to which an answer can be offered. Why should one group of offenders continue to bear a stigma and endure new restraints, after they have served their sentence, simply because of the nature of their crime? Why not warn a community if a repeat burglar is to be released in their midst, or require a persistent pickpocket to register his movements with the police? The argument has some moral force, but ignores the practical evidence of paedophile conduct. Most crimmal activity is committed by young males, and with age comes, if not pentience, then at least more settled habits. Paedophile behaviour tends, however, to be different. It is often compulsive and obsessive, closer to an addiction than most crime, which is opportunist. Social pressure and moral restraint are often flimsy safeguards against behaviour which the paedophile himself may, on occasion, abhor but often cannot control. The extra professional vigilance and restriction on liberty which the register would create can be justified by the inability of many paedophiles to police their desires or make genuinely free choices. But it must not be forgotten that exceptions are being made and freedoms curtailed. In such circumstances the right to appeal against inclusion, and to review if there is reason to believe a change is appropriate, has to be rigorously

There are other objections to the register, less worthy of weighing by ministers. Elements in the Probation Service and police will argue that this new responsibility requires new resources. They should recognise that a preventive measure like the register should save the authorities time and money, by decreasing the number of offences committed, and be grateful for the generous funding they still enjoy.

Some parents are instrated that information on the register-will be restricted to professionals and they will be denied access to the identities of potential offenders in their community. Such fears are understandable, particularly from those whose children have suffered the loss of innocence, or worse. It would, however, be an invitation to lynch law to broadcast the names of potential offenders indiscriminately. There has to be room for individuals to reform if they can, although penitence should be tempered with vigilance. In operating this register it is hugely difficult to strike the right balance between protecting children, and liberties, but the Government seems to have chosen a properly modest, and moderate, position.

#### **DEMOCRATIC DEFICIT**

The torrid politics behind Asia's turbulent currencies

A stiff course of house-training lies ahead for Asia's younger tigers. Since Thailand was driven to let the baht float - or, more accurately, sink - last month, greater realism has abruptly begun to temper the almost mystical faith of international investors in the management of the region's economies. Almost every Asian stock market and currency has been touched by the contagion of sharply diminished confidence.

The initial reaction of Asian leaders, led by Malaysia's Mahathir Mohamad, was to throw a tantrum about the foreign "rogues, robbers and brigands" conspiring to deprive Asia of its aura of soaraway success. Asean's foreign ministers even issued a statement condemning currency speculators for destabilising their currencies for their own "selfserving purposes". This display of political arrogance and economic illiteracy merely sharpened scepticism. And now that the Thai Government, which has been forced to come clean about its affairs since it applied to the International Monetary Fund for a \$15 billion rescue package, has revealed the scale of the mess in its financial sector, the thetoric has become somewhat more sober.

The run on Asian currencies has been. triggered by some bad luck, but a lot of bad management. The bad luck was the rapid rise in the dollar, to which most Asian currencies have been rigidly and unwisely pegged. The bad management has not been himited to these governments' reluctance to listen to IMF advice to take remedial action by loosening their links to the dollar, tightening budgets and curbing speculation in Asia's saturated property markets.

The trouble is not only that after ten years of annual growth of 8 per cent and up, Asian governments seem to have forgotten how to use the brakes when the engine overheats. They have been culpably reluctant to tackle the evils of crony capitalism, insider dealing and lax financial regulation. One reason is that far too many Asian politicians are in the money-spirming game up to their Rolexes. No country, Madeleine Albright told last

month's Asean summit, can run a world-CLASS SCURTORILY WITHOUT & DE financial services sector". This lack, acute in Thailand, is common to most other Asian economic tigers and is directly linked to the dark side of state intervention - an interplay between politics and money so intimate that in Indonesia, for example, "informal" expenses such as licence-buying and straight bribes account for up to 15 per cent of the capital costs of new investment.

That politicians routinely buy votes and make back the money, with interest, in office. Last week, when the Government finally let 58 of the country's 91 suspect financial institutions go to the wall, it revealed that it had already spent nearly £10 billion propping them up. Among their biggest shareholders, the Government admits, are a lot of "familiar names". Action last January, when the Thai property bubble began to burst, would probably have averted today's crisis; but that would have been uncomfortably soon after the ruling coalition had spent £600 million on voters in

A new constitution for Thailand could start to curb these abuses. Most of its neighbours also need to improve their political accountability. For a decade at least, global risk analysts have tended to shrug off pertinent questions about rigged property markets, dodgy financial practices and unhealthily close links between politics and business with soothing murmurs about the "sound fundamentals" of Asia's boom economies. They may take a sharper look after this. For Asians, that is nothing but good news.

last November's parliamentary elections.

#### CREATURES SMALL AND GREAT

Modern man is fascinated by once-and-future species

Should Steven Spielberg be digging for inspiration, the Australian Outback would provide a fertile site. In the remote northwestern regions of Queensland, Professor Mike Archer has unearthed the remains of vast and voracious prehistoric beasts. among them the "Fangaroo", a razorincisored ancestor of our milder-mannered Skippy, and an arboreal crocodile which lurked lethally in trees. Meanwhile, near . Alice Springs, the elephantine skeleton of an ancient bird 12 feet tall is just the latest archaeological sensation and an incubus for

suburban bird-tables. We are fascinated by our Brobdingnagian forebears. That which could dwarf or devour us has a mesmerising power. In London's Natural History Museum, more visitors gather to gape at the dinosaurs than at any other exhibit. Reconstructed skeletons and life-size models of prehistoric monsters represent a journey through time and space as evocative as any intergalactic voyage.

Jonathan Swift understood this allure. But he was as interested in Liliputian life as he was in the giant's world. Today it is in the microcosmos that many of the most inspiring discoveries are made. The dedication of scientists, devoting years of their lives to . It continues into the future.

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intricate study in specialised fields, combines with technological advances to bring to public attention the forgotten and fabulous creatures that have made their homes in the remotest niches of the natural world.

The film Microcosmos documents a day in the grass-roots of a Pyrenean meadow. It unfolds a world of wonder. Few will forget such sequences as that of a creature, more bizarre than any sci-fi spook, rising slowly from glossy waters, towering stilted on needle legs. The setting sun burnishes a freakishly antennaed head. And it is only when this unearthly apparition suddenly spreads its wings with a familiar whine, that audiences recognise it as a mosquito.

For those prepared to search, the familiar world is crammed with wonders, from the ultraviolet iridescence on a starting's breast to magnetic particles in the abdomens of bees which aid navigatation. Such details bring fresh awe at the beauty, complexity and ingenuity of nature. Beyond the reach of the naked eye new marvels are unveiled: worms which feed on frozen methane in Pacific depths; bacteria which survive submerged in the geological strata. The search for exotic species does not lie simply in the past.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### British policy in Northern Ireland

From Mr William Bell

Sir, Michael Gove (Between a rock and a hard place", August 7) is wrong to argue that the Northern Ireland policy of successive British Govern-ments has been to bring two irreconcilable parties together through negotiations which will then produce some common ground by which a settlement will be reached.

In reality, British Government policy has been to remove Northern Ireland from the United Kingdom, moving at a pace determined by the relative political strength of the Unionist majority at any given time. Why else would the Sunningdale agreement of 1973 have allowed for the establishment of a Council of Ireland, giving the Republic of Ireland a say in the affairs of a part of sovereign UK territory? Why else does the Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985 allow for a Maryfield secretariat, staffed by Southern civil servants, to operate in Belfast and service the consultative role given to the Irish Government in Northern Ireland's affairs?

The proposed all-party talks scheduled for September are not the main game in town; that is being enacted in the current negotiations between the British Government and Sinn Fein! IRA. The Unionist community, as recent history suggests, should be wary of present government policy, lest they too find themselves between a rock and a hard place.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM BELL 16 Carnview Park, Ballymena, Co Antrim.

From Mr H. Douglas Miller

Sir, Michael Gove's article on the futility of Ulster peace negotiations, however realistic, fails to suggest a constructive answer to the perennial Irish problem.

Mere cosmetic tinkering with an internal settlement for Northern Ireland does not address the overall Irish dimension and will therefore permanently solve nothing. Indeed Gerry Adams has reaffirmed yet again, in talks with Mo Mowlam (report, August 7) that Sinn Fein's first demand in the forthcoming multiparty talks would be a united Ireland. If reunification is ever to be attractive to the North, Dublin simply must produce a new, liberal constitution for the 21st century, encompassing a Bill of Rights and all the guarantees and concessions which Unionists could reasonably expect, including dual nationality. If such were the case, Britain could withdraw with dignity and a clear conscience and honour

So, the onus remains where it has always lain, on the Republic. Dublin should act immediately. Mary Robinson could, on her retirement next month, use her talents as a constitutional lawyer to chair an ad hoc constitutional commission. It is not too late, even now, for the year 2000 to be the target date for an Irish New Deal.

would be satisfied on all sides.

Yours faithfully H. DOUGLAS MILLER, The Laureis, Berks Hill, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire. August 10.

#### Tory appeal

From Mr Michael J. Gibbons

Sir, The high and dry tone of Sir Julian Critchley (letter, August 6) suggests that at least one Tory has not yet understood why the Conservatives lost the last general election.

Politics should be an appropriate

balance of seriousness and fun. William Hague is suitably serious at Prime Minister's Questions where he has scored several successes -- notably over the Lord Simon affair.

Equally, his personalised baseball cap and his ride on a water chute in Cornwall which, after all, is a major area of leisure and recreation, emphasises in a light-hearted way the serious need of the Conservatives to appeal to a broad sector of society.

Those activists who heard Mr Hague's speech at the conclusion of his Cornish tour will know that in our leader we have someone who combines the best of his two predecessors - a passion of purpose and a naturalness with people. In time this will be recognised and be welcomed throughout the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL GIBBONS, 36 Carclew Street, Truro, Comwall.

From Mr James Reeve

Sir. At least Mr Hague does not appear to wear his baseball cap back-

Yours faithfully, JAMES REEVE, 46c Montpellier Spa Road, Cheltenham, Gloocestershire.

#### Cutting back sharply

From Mr Peter Hungerford-Welch

Sir, A notice in a local DIY store, informing customers that the store would no longer stock a particular model of lawnmower, made for alarming reading. Apparently, the mower was "de-ranged".

Yours faithfully, PETER HUNGERPORD-WELCH, 22 Oakles Road, Paddock Wood, Tonbridge, Kent.

#### Brownfield sites can be made viable

From Mr David Crease

economical use of it?

'overdevelopment".

cramming" when proposing to make

to encourage new development in existing built-up areas, and use the

green fields only as a last resort. But

in giving with one hand the necessary

permission to develop land, they snatch away with the other the liberty

of the architect to put it to the best use.

All too often a design that meets all the

requirements statutory and other-

wise, for civilised life in marketable or

affordable homes is refused per-

mission on the subjective ground of

There is no escaping the arithmetic.

If planning committees insist on halving the number of homes to the

acre we shall use up twice as many

acres. There is much argument about the forecasts for household formation

and population growth. But there can

be no argument about the effect of

housing density on the equation.

I am, Sir, yours etc, DAVID CREASE (architect).

Deer Park, Scampston,

Malton, North Yorkshire.

Planning committees rightly wish

From the Director of the Civic Trust

Sir, It will be difficult to meet more of our housing need in towns and cities rather than on greenfield sites (letters, August 5). To do the job well we will need to increase investment to develop difficult orban sites, renew utilities, provide better welfare services and cater for all types of housing need.

Recent regeneration successes. some involving this trust, have shown this can be done but it will require a new range of incentives. Why not create funds for such work by re-using some of the savings from the gradual phasing-out of Miras, and by a modest levy on greenfield housing development? Why not make conversion and refurbishment more attractive through a reduction in VAT? Even with these measures, a

substantial amount of greenfield development will still need to occur, but the balance of development advantage would be tilted towards greater efforts to provide housing in a way that actually revitalises and improves our towns and cities.

Yours sincerely MICHAEL GWILLIAM. Director. Civic Trust. 17 Carlton House Terrace, SWI. August 6.

national awareness.

Yours faithfully, JOHN CORNELL,

From Mrs Lavinia Maclean-Bristol

Gap year is invaluable Sir, If every school-leaver intending to From the Director of Gap Activity take a gap year could be encouraged Projects (GAP) and others to spend some of those 12 months as a Sir, Employers and universities value volunteer, by the Government waiving the first year's £1,000 fee, the spirit students who have had a broad range of experiences. The gap year (letters, August 11) provides such experience of volunteering in our youth would be heightened and their public spirit and in particular widens interrewarded.

August 5.

Each gap-year student should be We recognise the financial presencouraged to volunteer for a minisures on students from the proposed mum of six months, and attached to a changes in the funding of higher educrecognised volunteering organisation, ation. However, it would be a great with a certificate at the end as proof shame if the long-term benefits for that the participant had honoured the individuals and societies at large were agreement. This should be seen as lost. We hope students will not feel part of a structured year between school and university. forced to give up the unique opportun-

The added maturity and determination, and indeed compassion, shown during this period would pay dividends when the gap-year student attended university. Education, after all, should surely include looking beyond personal wishes and an element of selflessness.

Yours faithfully, LAVINIA MACLEAN-BRISTOL (Director), Project Trust, The Hebridean Centre, Isie of Coll, Argyllshire.

#### Operating a retractor

ity which the gap year provides.

Director. Gap Activity Projects.

Director, Council for Industry

Chief Executive, Association of

RICHARD BROWN.

and Higher Education,

ROLY COCKMAN,

Graduate Recruiters.

44 Queen's Road, Reading, Berkshire.

GAP House,

From Professor J. Gareth Jones Sir, I am sure that many people who

work in operating theatres were both amused, then depressed, about the outburst which followed recent reports of a teenager on work experience who was apparently allowed to hold a retractor during surgery (letters, August 5). Most doctors will recall the sheer tedium and lack of skill needed to hold retractors during their medical A quite different order of skill and

excitement is to be found in anaesthe sia. My first work experience in the operating theatre was in Cardiff in 1945 when at the age of nine I was instructed by my father how to give open ether to anaesthetise patients with fractured limbs. This anaesthetic, chosen for its safety in unskilled hands. has now been largely abandoned because of its explosive properties.

A few years later, while on holiday in a remote part of Wales, my father showed me how to use model aero-plane fuel, based on ether, to anaesthetise a cat to remove a fishhook from its mouth.

While these experiences are illegal, and neither influenced my subsequent choice of career as an anaesthetist, they were useful talking points at an interview in the 1960s when I was promoted from chest physician to a

#### Hong Kong inquiry

From Dr Robin Porter

Sir, Calls for a thorough public inquiry into what was promised to whom and by whom over Hong Kong in the period before Chris Patten took over as Governor (letters, July 16, 26, 31. August 1) are timely and entirely appropriate.

Support for his achievement exists across party lines, and indeed in other

Business letters, page 27

Letters for publication may be found to 0171-782 5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk. new post of lecturer in anaesthesia without any previous experience of anaesthetising patients. That specialisation came later. Such an appointment would be a very unlikely event in the 1990s.

Yours faithfully, J. GARETH JONES (Professor of Anaesthesia), University of Cambridge Clinical School, Department of Anaesthesia. Addenbrooke's Hospital. Hills Road, Cambridge. August 5.

From Dr Robert M. Bruce-Chwatt

Sir, The extraordinary decision to suspend the senior surgeon who reportedly allowed the 16-year-old to hold a retractor brings an apt reminder of the definition of a junior surgical houseman or a senior medical student "assisting" at an operation, as quoted by a senior consultant at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead: respectively, someone or something asleep on the other end of a

Yours faithfully, ROBERT M. BRUCE-CHWATT (Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, 1970-75), York Lodge, 1 York Road, Richmond, Surrey. August 5.

#### Commonwealth. The Labour Party. too, would do well to bear this in

Yours faithfully

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ter, August 6).

Yours faithfully,

FRANCES D'SOUZA.

ROBIN PORTER,

Keele University,

Department of Politics,

Keele, Staffordshire ST5 5BG.

From the Executive Director

Sir, "News management" to obscure

political embarrassment is one thing.

vote rigging quite another (leading article, "Chinese whispers", and let-

Did the British Government collude

with the Beijing administration to

deprive millions of Hong Kong citi-

zens of democratic rights at an early

date? If so, should not the right of the

people concerned to know this over-

This is the discussion we should be

having, at the same time as deciding

the political and economic measures

which should be adopted to ensure

that freedom of expression, already

being eroded in Hong Kong, is restor-ed, and extended to the rest of China.

ride any Official Secrets Act?

There is a growing suspicion that some of those who are most vocal now in their criticism of Mr Patten may have offered secret assurances to the Chinese Government which deceived not only the people of Hong Kong and of Britain, but also the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee.

Democracy is something for which people in this country have in living memory been prepared to sacrifice their lives; most British people believe in it, and many admire Chris Patten for having the courage to try to expand it, however belatedly, in Hong Kong.

democratic countries, notably in the United States, and in Europe and the

Executive Director, Article 19. Lancaster House, 33 Islington High Street, NI. August 6.

#### motorcycle articles From Professor R. Michael Pittilo Sir, If our land is so precious a Sir, I am enjoying your features on resource - and it is - then why are architects so often accused of "town

Stop these foolish

motorcycling and the increased emphasis being given to two-wheeled transport in your pages (Car 97, Motorcycling month", August I and 9). Motorcycles can be safe, environmentally friendly, economical and efficient forms of transport, provided that they are ridden skilfully.

Recently, in the process of selecting a new motorcycle for commuting and touring, I have had occasion to read widely across the popular motorcycling press. I have been dismayed to see many articles explaining how to perform stunts as well as encouraging riding techniques that, if attempted on the public highway, are illegal and extremely dangerous both to the rider and other road users,

The skills required to make safe and rapid progress on the public highways are very different to those needed by the grand prix racer; only a few have the aptitude and ability to succeed on the racetrack. Organisations such as the Institute of Advanced Motorists can advise on training and enable a rider to have his or her road skills assessed by an examiner with a Class One certificate

and traffic-patrol riding experience. Meanwhile, I hope that many of your readers may be tempted to either take up or return to motorcycling, to experience both the pleasures and exhilaration that it offers.

Yours faithfully, R. MICHAEL PITTILO. Woodbury, 37 Park Green. Great Bookham, Surrey. August 10.

#### Road-tax dodgers

From Mr Philip Le Brocq

Sir, Road-tax dodgers may well soon risk having their cars crushed for scrap in Britain (report, August 6), but we in Jersey have already solved the problem without resorting to such crunching extremes.

On January I, 1994, Jersey abolished the labour-intensive annual £22.50 car tax. By happy coincidence, the tax per gallon on fuel was in-creased by llp to £1.40.

We now display an annual in-surance disc with valid date and insurance details instead, issued by insurance companies, both local and on the mainland.

No longer do we have to worry about remembering yearly tax as well as an insurance payment. Should we crash (and even our 40mph islandwide speed limit is not faultless), exchange of insurance details is easy. The police can see at a glance if a car is not insured - even more important than if it is not taxed - and the gasguzzling car-owners pay for what they

This is a very fair system, which saves Jersey's Registration Department's costs and time, and therefore also saves taxpayers' money.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP LE BROCQ, The Cottage, Le Bourg, La Grande Route de la Côte. St Clement, Jersey, Cl. August 7.

From Mr R. G. Maling

Sir, Following the announcement of the Government's campaign against road-tax evaders (and the dire consequences) based on a yearly loss of £175 million, may we next expect to see TV detector vans equipped with TV set crushers as TV licence-fee evasion appears to be running at a similar

Yours faithfully, R. G. MALING, Windfall. 11 Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. August 5.

#### School food

From Mr Peter Kottler

Sir, Guy Walters ("Damp toast, gloop and Rupert's cafetière", August 8; see also letter, August 10) was lucky in his Eton diet.

i was at school at St Edmund's. Ware, in the 1950s. The food there was so awful, and consumption obligatory, that I devised a detachable polythene bag, sewn into my jacket pocket, that could be emptied into the school dog's dish later.

Puckeridge, the nearest haven for a smoke, did not boast a McDonald's (which hadn't been invented then) but only a transport caff, without which I

would have starved. The school dog was devoted to me.

Yours fastidiously, PETER KOTTLER, Kantstrasse 2, 04275 Leipzig, Germany.

## August 10.

**Buying British** From Mr Richard Whitehead

Sir. My companion at lunch recently had a bottle of Cobra lager, imported from India, which cost £2.50. I had a bottle of English water only slightly larger. It cost £2.95. What is going on?

Yours faithfully. R. J. WHITEHEAD. 7 Ruvigny Mansions, The Embankment, Putney, SW15. August II.

#### **SOCIAL NEWS**

The President of Brazil and Senhora Cardoso will pay a state visit from December 2 to 5.

#### **Anniversaries** today

BIRTHS:

Thomas Bewick, engraver. Newcastle, 1753; King George IV, reigned 1820-30, London. 1762: Robert Southey, Poet Laureate 1813-43, Bristol, 1774; Sir Joseph Barnby, composer. York, 1838; Jacinto Benavente. dramatist and poet. Madrid, 1866; Cecil B. de Mille, film producer, Ashfield, Massachusetts, 1881: Erwin Schrodinger, physicist, Nobel laureate 1933, Vienna, 1887: Dr C.E.M. Joad, civil servant. author and controversialist. Durham, 1891.

DEATHS:

Nahum Tate. Poet Laureate 1692-1715, London, 1715; Robert Stewart, Viscount Castlereagh, statesman, committed suicide, North Gray Place, Kent, 1822; William Blake, poet and artist. London, 1827; George Stephenson, builder of The Rocket, Tapton, Derbyshire, 1848; Sir William Jackson Hooker, 1st Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1841-65, London, 1865; James Lowell, poet and diplomat, Cambridge. Massachusetts. 1891: Adolf Erik Nordenskjöld. Arctic explorer and geologist. Dalbyö, Sweden, 1901; John Philip Holland, submarine pioneer. Newark, New Jersey. 1914; Arthur Griffith, Irish statesman, Dublin. 1922; Leos Janacek, composer, Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, 1928: Thomas Mann, novelist. Nobel laureate 1929. Zurich, 1955: lan Fleming, creator of James Bond, Canterbury, 1964; Professor Sir Ernst Chain, biochemist, Nobel laureate 1945, Ireland, 1979; Henry Fonda, actor. Los Angeles,

Thomas Alva Edison made the first sound recording onto a foil-wrapped cylinder on the Edisonphone, 1887.

The first Model T Ford was produced, 1908. Echo I. the first US communications satellite, was launched from Cape Canaver-

al. 1960. The first giant panda born in captivity was delivered naturally in a Mexican zoo. 1980.

#### University news

University College, Oxford Sir Robin Butler is to be elected to the Mastership of University College, Oxford, with effect from January 4.

#### Luncheon

Rotary Club of London Mr. Clifford Charles, President of the Rotary Club of London presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Portman Hotel. Miss Vicki Jenson, Director of Age Concern, also spoke.

#### Noddy's creator is respectable again

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

when the centenary of her birth was marked by the unveiling of an English Heritage blue plaque at the house where she wrote her first book.

Her daughter Gillian Baverstock unveiled the plaque at the house in Surbiton, southwest London, where her mother wrote her first book, Child Whispers. Despite 500 rejections by publishers, she went on to produce more than 700 children's books before her death, aged 71, in 1968.



Enid Blyton: an output of 10.000 words a day

ENID BLYTON'S place in history was sealed yesterday Yesterday Mrs Baverstock confessed that her mother had often tired of her best-loved characters and churned out her books only because of pressure from her publishers. "She was not excited by writing some of them."

Blyton's huge output - she could write a book a week, routinely typing 10,000 words a day - led some to think she employed a team of ghostwriters and earned her the nickname "sausage machine". In the past few years, her

work has been accused of racism, sexism and snobbery. It was banned by some "politically correct" councils and some characters, including the golliwog in Noddy, were removed or altered. But more recently her books have enjoyed a renaissance and sell around 8.5 million copies a year worldwide.

Now many of her charac-ters are likely to be brought sharply up to date after the copyright to her books was sold to the co-owners of the Trocadero entertainment complex in Central London.

More traditionally, on September 7, the Royal Mail will release a set of five commemo-



## The Sovereign's Parade at the RMA Sandhurst

FIELD MARSHAL Lord Bramail represented the Queen at The Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst last

Friday.
The following have been granted Corps shown, having successfully completed Commissioning Course No 963. The Sword of Honour was won by Junior Under Officer P D L Rennie and the Queen's Medal by Officer Cadet D M Wilkins:

M B Adams. Kings. John Hamp-den GS. High Wycombe: E L Ainsworth, RLC. Lunerworth School, Leicester; D A Allison.
AGC (SPS), St Peter's School,
Solihull; A J C Anderson, LI,
Harrow School; T E Ash, REME. Fallibroome CHS, Macclesfield; M J Bacon. Int Corps. Claremont-Fan-Court School: P R Ballard. REME. Wycliffe Coll; R S A Barthorp, Coldm Gds. Eton Coll; P M K Beaumont, RLC, Gosfield School: E N J Bennen, RLC, Vandyke School: P G Beresford-Jones, RGR, Charterhouse School; A G Biddulph, KRH, Eton Coll; D P Binnie, REME, Hookergale CS, Newcastle: TX V Black, Gren Gds. Eton Coll: D M Blakeley, Para, Welbeck Coll: J R Blamire, KOSB. Ryton School, Gateshead: V J Bland, RLC, Woodford Lodge HS; J H Blount, LG. Harrow School; G P J Blunden, RE. King's School, Bruton; G S Bond, RE, Arnold School, Blackpool; S L Bradley-Walker, REME, Brooksbank School; N P Brady, RLC, Prior Park Coll: D H Branch. RGR. Watford GS; C D R Briggs, RGR, William Parker School; S J Britton, Para, Bedford School: R D Brown, Kings, Northwood Boys HS. RSA: O G Bunkle, RLC. Fakenham HS; T J H Bunney, RS, The Edinburgh Academy: C W Burridge, QRL The Perse School: L S Burt, AGC

J R Campbell-Barnard, 9/12 L Wellington Coll; C M B Carver. RWF. Elksmere Coll: PC D Cavill. QDG. Victoria Coll, St Helier: S R

DEATHS

(SPS), Yeovil Coll: D A Byles,

RAMC. Warwick School.

Park School: M P Clark, RLC, Blandford Upper School: A J Clarke, RA, Stourport HS; A D Clixby, R Signals. Lincoln Christ Hospital: R M Coutes, RRF, Cheadle Hulme School: J V Cohen. AGC (SPS), St Clement Danes School: N C S Coke, LD, Downside School: S J Cole, WG, St Bartholo-mew's School, Newbury; A Coleshill, REME, Latifa School, Dubai; P E Connor, R Signals. Heath CS, Runcorn; A E Cowe, RLC, Swanmore School, Fareham N J Cowey, RTR. Cranbrook School: A D Cox, Staffords, Romsey School: L B Cox, RE, Hornsea School: H D B Craggs. Doncaster; B C Hardwick, RE, Sollhuli School; K D Harris, AGC 9/12 L. Harrow School; J P Cresswell, RA, Sir John Nelthorpe Cresswell, RA, Sir John Nelthorpe School: J E O Cripps, QRL, St Peters HS, Burnham on Crouch: D M Croall, RE, Loretto School: C Croft, 9/12 L. Sherborne School: A M Crook, QLR, Bolton School: J E S Cross. Hidrs, St Edmund's School: Canterbury.

M A P d'Apice, KRH, Sherborne School: J G Daintry, Cheshire, Royal G S, Gulldford: J T F Dakin. RGBWR, Clayesmore School: A C

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De Jonge, QDG, Eton Coll: T J
Downes, R Signals, Great Wyrley
HS, Walsall: D J Dray, AGC (PRO), Peterhouse School, Zim-babwe; D B Duff, QDG, All-hallows School; W G Dunlop, D and D, Canford School; R C Edger. RRW, Wellington Coll; D R Ed-wards, RWF, Monmouth School; D.L. Elding, RE, Welbeck Coll; M.J. Elliott, Q.L.R. Stonehenge School. Amesbury: S.J. Estick, RA. Exeter School; R D E Etherington, RA. Merchant Taylors School; S R Everard, RDG, Sherborne School; R N D Follett, LI. Kimbolton School, Hundingdon; K M Fox, RA, Lyichett Minster School, Poole: R L Francis, R Signals, Welbeck Coll; A G L French. RGBWR. Malvern Coll; E C Froggatt. AGC (SPS), Howells School. Denbigh: A J Gascoyne. RLC. Repton School: E F Gentle. RRF. Bournemouth School: C W G

Gladwell, PWRR, Christ's Hos-

pital School; J B Gordon, Hldrs, Wellington Coll; M P M Grayson, IG, Eton Coll: A J Greaves, RE. IG, Eton Coll: A J Greaves, RE. Glenwood HS, Glenrothes; J E Green, Staffords, Newcastle under Lyme School; R J Green, RE. Mirfield HS, Mirfield; R J H Green. D and D, Marlborough Coll: M T Greenwood, AAC. Sackville School; C J Gregg, RE. Dalziel HS. Motherwell; G W Griffin, Green Howards, Cranbrook School; J S Griffiths, R Signals, Rivington & Blackrod HS. Bolton. T A Hanks, RAMC. Danum CS,

Solnuli School; K D Harris, AGC (PRO), Bridlington HS, Hornsea; S M J Hawkins, RA, Hurstpierpoint Coll; A F Hawley, R Anglian, Robert Pattinson School; J C Hay, AAC, Ampleforth Coll; J P Hayward, REME, Welbeck Coll; J A Hazan, RTR, Charterhouse School; F A Hearn, RLC, Berkhamsted School; N Hepburn, RA, Royal GS, Newcastle: P A Berkhamsted School: N Herburn, RA, Royal GS. Newcastle: P A Herbert, RLC, Lancaster RGS: M E Hickman. PWRR, Reigate GS: I C W Hill. D and D, Cranleigh School: R J Hinds, KOBR, The Skinners' School, Tonbridge: T L B Hinxman, RGR, Hairrow School: D A Holdsworth. RE, Shrewsbury School: A M Hanger R Signals Windsor School, Rheindahlen: W.J. Hopkirk, IG, Uppingham School; L C Hurn, AGC (SPS), Thorpe House School, Norwich; B M D Ingham, RA, Repton School. D A Jackson. R Signels, Rainhill School, Prescott: T N R Jackson. Li. Cheltenham Coll; C S James, ODG. Eton Coll: A S Janaway. RE. St Mary's Coll, Southampion: DOW Jarvis, Para, The Rushcliffe School; A G Johnson, KOBR,

Sedbergh School: R D Johnson, RRW, Filton Coll; C H Jones, KTR, Westville Boys HS, RSA; I L M Jones, RA, Rugby School; M I H Jones, AGC (PRO). Quantock School, Taunion; R M Jones, R Jourdan, RE, Earlham HS, Norwich: N A Kell. Int Corps. Durham School: M S Kemp, RA, Daniel Stewart's/Melville: J Kerr, RE,

Lancaster GS; T J Knowles Jack-son, LI, Bryanston School: G J Knox, A and SH, Dollar Academy; J A Kyffin-Topp, Scots DG, Bedstone Coll: J F Lacken, RE, St Bedstone Coll; J F Lacken, RE, St Johns R C CS, Gravesend: W K M Lawris, SG, Wellington Coll; T C Legge, RE, Welbeck Coll; R R Lord, PWO, Colchester RGS; D M R Lucas, Gren Gds, Hampton School; T E Luker, RA, Charterbouse School; J P Q Lye, REME. Cranleigh School; S A Lyle, RLC. Ballyclare HS; W R Lynch, RA Hanley HS, Upton on Severn; F J E Lyon, Gren Gds, Harrow School.

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PWO, Kings School, Tynernouth: J
E H Pratt, RE, Hereford Cathedral
School: B P N Ramsay. WG,
Downside School: M P Rawlingson-Plant, KTR, Gordonstoun
School: J J Rees, RA, Burry Boys
CS; C F Reeve, REME, Warwick
School: J E Relph, RA, Dules of
York's RMS; P D L Rennie, BW,
Brighton Coll: M D Robb, AAC,
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LD, Uppingham School; A J LD, Uppingham School; A J Rogers, REME, Birkenhead School; H C M Rogers, LL Sherborne School; S A Rumbold; RA, Dr Chailoner's GS. G W A Sale, RGJ, Cranleigh School; N P Sargent, RA, Stamford School; R A Scoble, RE, Carrick Academy; M C Scoble, RE, Hele's School, Plymouth; D Y Seabrook, RE, Kelly Coll; S J Shepher, RA, Hele's School

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Hele's School, Plymouth; G J M
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HS; D T Skennerton, RLC,
Northgate HS, Ipswich; K D
Smith, DWR, Park School, Barnstable; MJT Smith, RTR, Dulwich Coll; D -B Soulsky, Scots -- DG; Harrow School, J A Stephenson, KRH, Wycliffe Coll; J C Stewart, R R G Streatfield, RGJ, The Judd School; A S W Strong, QRH, Repton School; R M Sutcliffe, DWR, Wetherby HS; A W Swain, RE, Chipping Sodbury School. J Taffs, RA, East Barnet School; R. R Tasker, RLC, Geoffrey Chancer R lasker, R.C., Geomey Chauder School; M. C. Tetley, DWR, Woodhouse Grove School; J. D. Thirkill, BW, Ardingly Coll; L. J. Thirsk, R Signals, Penrhos Coll; R. Threapleton, AAC, Read School, Selby: N P Thuilliez, PWRR, St Mary's Coll, Southampton; J H P Thurstan, Coldm Gds, Wellington Coll; R Todd, Para, Adwick School, Doncaster; P B A Townley, RHG/D, Ampletorth Coll; J E Toze, R Signals. Newport Free GS; M N J Trebilcock. RLC, Welbeck Coll; J S Trembath. REME.

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kins, AAG, Dean Close School; M-T Williams, RLC, Dover GS; A J Wills, IG, Sherborne School; J P Wills, PWRR, Reigate GS; A M Wilson, SG, Eton Coll; A S Wilson, R Signals; Springwell Community School; T A Winfield, RHF, All-hallows School; A J Winter, Int. Corps, Queen Elizabeth Hospital; C M Withington, RA. Hurstplerpohr Coll; D L Woods, RE, Ipswich School; M Yates, Kings, Manor School, Stockport; M E J Young, RA, Bishops Buecoat School; R E A Youngs, AAC, Nottingham HS. The following oversess cadets also passed out with a view to being commissioned in the Armed Forces of their countries. The

winner of the Overseas Came was Officer Cadet Sadaya Nepal. Buhrain: Sheikh Salman Abdullan Al Khailife; Befür: Rizardo Cirilo Lesti: Botzwana; Ontiretse Geoffrey Rankas; Brunet: Salfubrisal Abdullatif; Fili: Aisake Dksl Vulkadavu; Gustemala: Ruben Antonio Tellez Gubrera: Guyana: Michael Olton: Johnson; Jainalea: Merrick: Ashmeade A Lloyd, Amotine Nicholl Nembhard, Carlington John Reid; Jordan: Haethum Samila Al Butükhi: Maiswai: John Kachere Gama; Mauritius: Safiesh Kumar Behary; Mozambique: Jongo-Volicali; Nepal: Sadaya Shumsher J B Rana, Sagar Kandel Cheuri; Oman; Khallia Nasser Al Amairi; Qatar: Mohsmmed Ali Jaber Al Marri; Saudi Arabla: Saleh Ghalib Al Quaiti; Slerra Leone: Ibrahim Mohammed Jawara; Singapore Ang Keng Erm Joshua; Sri Lanka: Mohammed Shazuli Hameet; Thailand: Numphol Palbounthidpornschai; Trinidad & Tobago: Sheddon Randy Oudan; UAE: Salem Abdultah Al Dahmani. Kiralife: Before Ricardo Cirilo Laste

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#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.W. Gordon and Miss O.L.F. Graham The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Gordon, of Tattenhall, Cheshire, and Oriel. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Graham, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

Mr N.J. Morgan and Miss E.L. Palmer

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs Frank Morgan, of Bush End, Esser, and Emma, younger daughter of Mr John R.W. Palmer. of Kirkmichael House, and of Mrs Carolyn Steel, of Ashintully Castle, both of Perthshire. Mr A.G.E. Ovey and Miss C.L. Griffin

and Miss C.L. Griffin
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Ovey, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshure, and Charlotte, only daughter of the late Mr John Griffin and of Mrs Griffin, of Bolton, Lancashire. Mr T.A.H. Rutter and Miss C.H. Palmer

and Miss C.H. Paimer
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Canon and Mrs A.E.H. (Claude) Rutter, of Chilson, Somerset, and Clare, younger daughter of the late Mr. Nigel Palmer OBE and of Mrs Palmer, of Nether Compton, Davies Dorses

Mr-W.F.G. Strang and Miss E.A. Munro-Faure The engagement is announced between Frank, youngest son of Guthrie and Morag Strang, of Bearsden, Glasgow, and Eleanor, elder daughter of Douglas and the late Honor Munro-Faure, of Woldingham, Surrey.

Mr C.P. Tozer and Miss R.A. Hughes
The engagement is announced
between Christopher Paul, son of
Mr and Mrs Paul H. Tozer, of
Bath, and Rachel Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gareth Hughes, of

#### Birthdays today

Pontefract, West Yorkshire.

Mr Roger Abel, former chair-man, Conoco Exploration Production, Europe, 54; Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC, 55; Mr Kenneth Collins, MEP, 58; Admiral Sir Kenneth Eaton, 63; Air Marshal Sir Maurice Heath, 88; General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, 76; Sir Anthony Jolliffe former Lord Mayor of London, 59: Dr Tommy Kemp, physician and former rugby player, 82: Pro-fessor David King, Master, Downing College, Cambridge, St. Mr Mark Knopfler. singer, songwriter and guitar-ist, 52.  $35.29 \tau \sigma_{\rm max} \sim 47 \, \sigma$ 

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Mr Norris McWhirter, founder: editor, Guinness Book of Records, 72; Mr Floris Maljers, KBE, former joint charman, Unilever NV, 64: Sir Robin Nicholson, FRS. metallurgist, 63; Lord Renton. OC, 89; Mr Pete Sampras, tennis player, 25, Mr Jonathan Taylor, chairman, Booker, 62; Mr Peter West, sports commentator, 77; Professor Graham Zeilick, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, London University, and Principal, Queen Mary and Westfield College,

#### Legal appointment

Mr Justice Mortimer has been appointed a Vice-President of the Court of Appeal and Nonpermanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.

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Does not consolution from God suffice you, a word whispered quietly in your ear? Job 15 : 11 BIRTHS ALDERAKEL - On August 4th a The Portland Hospital, t Sundes Alsane and Ibrahin a daughter, Doubs, a siste for Abdullaziz and Saad.

ALEV - On August 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Machiban and Ilham, a son, Berdar, a brother for Leyla and Aven.

and Arzu.

SKHSY - On August 7th et The
Portland Hospital, to Julie
(ade Cade) and Liam, a
daughter, Califin, a sister for
Chartie.
SCWYER - On August 5 1997,
to Barbara (ade Strachan)
and Harry, a son, Edmund
Hunter Milford. CLETON On Sth August 1997, in Singapore, to Elizabeth (nee Gordon Clark) and Cargory, a son, Into Francis Haslack.

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CRAWFORD - On August 4th at
The Portland Bospital, to
Estem and lame, a chargest
Ramash, a sister for Tom.
DELAUREY - On Monday 4th
August to loyd and Tony, a
gorgeous baby boy, Max.
EVANGELOU - On 8th August
1997 at The Royal Free
Hampstend to Karen
Cranswick and Mario, a
denubler, Zoo.

Cranswick and mario, a daughter, Zoe. CARDINER - On August 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Fiona Enstroyed and Kevin Gardiner, a daughter, Katharine Rose, a sister for

Frances May.
GROOMS: On August 10th at
The Portland Hospital, to
Red In and Todd, 1 Nov.
Michael, a bother for Amy.
Mall-THOMPSON - On 1st
August to Jennifer (nee
Allifone) and Charles, a sox,
Thomas David, a brother for
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HAZUKI - On August 6th at the
Hospital of St John and St
Elizabeth, Best wishes and
happiness to D Alsuke,
Buiko and Hazuki from HOUGH - On July 21st, to Sherri and Michael, a

daughter, Georgia Bridge Mary, a sister for Harry feward and Ellis MARCHOK - On August 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Don and Masse, a gift from God, a son, Tyler James. percisis. On August 6th at The Fortland Europius, to Valence (née Grealin) and Christian.

BIRTHS ATCHEST - Nick and isobel are pleased to amnounce the arrival of Harry William Edward on 9th Angust 1997, a brother for Egets and Alica PHANG-LEE - On August 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Angus and Francesca, a son, Christopher.

RAHMAN-On july 31st at The Fortland Hospital, to Nathalie (née Van Den Soogaard) and Ajmal, a son, Benjamin and a daughter Sopkia RAIKES - On 3rd Angust 1997 to Emma (née Budgen) and Jason, a son, Alexander Cespian, a brother for Tom. SHELLADY - On August 6th at The Portland Hospital, to filliabeth [Lefe Handware] and Scott, a daughter, Calos Elegators.

SMITH - On August 9th at Ascot, to Reg and Alexis (note Morley), a son, Thomas Sheridan, a brother for Barnaby.

SUN - on August 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Anna and Stere, a son Lory, a brother for Cheyne and Hoscos.

THOMAS - On 30th July to Alison (née Wilson) and Mark, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth Jane. TRELEAVEN - Lydia Frances born Friday 8th August 1997, St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London, First child of proud parents Lindle and Hamish All well.

WATKINGON - On August 10th to Charlotte (née Holder) and Charles, a son, Hugh Smodist Charles. WATSON - On August 4th to Helen (née Wilson) and Jules, a son, Tobias George Edward Newall

DEATHS

BANKER - Kathleen Otive.
Peacefully at Seacroft
Nursing Home, West Sumen
on Angust 8th. Wildow of
Stephen Geoffrey. Beloved
seches of Hell and Michael.
Pemeral Service on Tuesday
August 19th at 2.30pm,
Portchester Cromatorica.
Donations if desired to
N.S.P.C.C. or R.N.L.I. All
enquires to W. Wight & Som.

DEATHS

DEATHAM - Bode on Smeary
10th August 1997,
peacefully aged 87 years.
She will be sadly missed by
her very large family and
many close friends:
generations of girls will
remember her from her years
of teaching Geography at
Wakefield High School,
Notting Hill, Ealing High
School GPDST and
especially from 1947-1936
as Co-Director and Principal
of Queensmount School,
Bournemouth She was for
him years a Companion of
the Community of the
Leaurrection, Mirfield. A
Requiem Mass will be held
on Monday 18th August at
7.00pm and the Funeral
Service at 12.15pm the
following day at St. Alban's
Church, Charminster Road,
Bournemouth where she has
been an active member for
50 years, followed by
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Queensmount Mursing
Horest only please, but if
desired, donations for a
special fund for St. Alban's
Church, in her memory, may
be sent to Head & Wishis
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7th August, suddenly, Seloved son of the lare Horses and Flora Burgess and adored leastened of Horse, brother to Rosamund, Desmand and Champion of the lare Graham, Marine Engineer and champion of the liver Seven battops concept. Funeral at St. Augustine's Church, Devend Refield in Thursday 14th August at 10ms.

COULTNAME - Late Edith.
Counspously on 7th August, aged 98 years, at harbone the form from the manner of the series of the serie please telephone Ford Means Funeral Directors on 01276 25563.

COVELL - On August 9th, peacefully after a short illness, David aged 60 years, of Lindfield, Sussex, transmid of the last Cartination of Lindfield, Sussex, transmid of the last Cartination of Lindfield, Sussex, transmid the last Cora, grandfather of Olivia and the last Cora, grandfather of Olivia and comming the of lichard end camilia. He will be sadly missed by Rosemany Aune, his family and friends, Funeral service at Holy Trimity Church, Cackfield, Sussex on Friday August 15th at 1200 moon Howers to RA Brooks & Son, Haywards Heath, Sussex, Tet (01444) 454391.

FIRTH - Major Malcolm Vincent Chichester, on 8th August 1997. Beloved husband of Janet. loving father and grandfather. Family funeral. Thanksgiving Service, St Michael and All Angels, Urchfort on Friday 22nd August at 3pm.

GAIRDNER - John Oswald Hugh OBE Captain Royal Navy. Peacefully at Cleave Court Nursing Home on August 10th 1997 aged 92. Wuch loved husband of Joyce, father of Martin, Christabel and Elimbeth and guardiather. Funeral Sevice at All Saints Church, Wington on Friday August at An Saints Church, wington on Friday Angust 15th at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to EVLI may be sent to Keith C. Britton & Son Funeral Directors 10 High Street, latton, Bristol BS19 4JA.

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August 1997. Very dear
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Lucy, Harry, Flavia and
Jamie. Private family
cremation on Friday 15th
August at 1530 followed by
a Thoubstring Ferrier at 8
john's Church, Broadstone. 1
16:30. Family flowers only.
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Church, Broadstone.
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HUDSON - Ray. Edward John on August 8th aged 76. Former Vicar of St Hilde's, Yang Hali, York and Ghaplain to the Forces. Fonard 1230 Friday August 18th at St. Hilda's.

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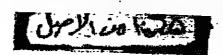
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## DONALD CRICHTON-MILLER

Donald Crichton-Miller, TD. former public school headmaster, died on August 5 aged 90. He was born on December 7.

onald Crichton-Miller was among Britain's most highly regarded headmasters when, in 1958, he was sought out by the school governors to take charge of

A Cambridge rugby Blue and Scottish international, he had been made Headmaster of Taumon School at the astonishingly early age of 29. There, according to one of his successors John Rae in his own autobiography Delusions of Grandeur, Crichton-Miller "had taken Taunton apart and put it together again in better, shape". Nine years later he had

started a similar job at Fettes, his own old school in Edinburgh, where he doubled the number of pupils during his time there and made it one of the best sports schools in the country. Moving to Stowe atthe height of his powers, aged 52, he should have looked forward to winning still more golden opinions, particularly as he had taught there as a young man:

But things then went badly wrong. His robust, authoritarian style which, according to Rae, had "inspired great loyal" ty" at Taunton and later at Fettes, was resented by a number of Stowe's senior housemasters. Moreover, some of these, as is often the way in such closed communities, maintained their own private lines to the governors - especially to those of them who were old boys of the

Arguments over discipline and admissions, fuelled by this damaging clash of personalities, led to a struggle for power — and eventually to an independent inquiry led by a QC. Rather prejudicially, Crichton-Miller himself was

suspended while it was held. Still, the inquiry found in his favour. But Crichton-Millier was then accused of leaking its findings. Charged with betraying a confidence, he was hauled in by the chairman of



the governors and told he could either resign or be summarily sacked. Given five minutes to make up his mind, he chose the former - and stepped into premature retirement after only five years at the school. It seemed a sad end to a career which had promised so much.

Donald Crichton-Miller was born in San Remo, Italy, the son of one of Britain's heading psychiatrists Hugh Crichton-Miller, founder of London's Tavistock Clinic. Crichton-Miller senior had at one time divided his practice between Aviemore in the Highlands in the summer and San Remo in the winter.

But the family stemmed from Edinburgh, so it was to Fettes that Hugh Crichton-Miller sent his son shortly after the First World War. There he not only became head boy but demonstrated

his early rugby prowess as a

wing forward. He also won a history exhibition to Pembroke College, Cambridge. He spent four years at university, which was fortunate, because in his fourth year he won his Blue in those days a significant embellishment to any school-master's CV. He also won several caps for Scotland, attracting attention by his speed

and adventurism — and some

criticism for not pulling his veight in the scrum.

His sporting reputation and contacts, however, helped him to get his first teaching appointment as an assistant master at Monmouth School

in 1929. He moved to Bryanston two years later, then to the newly founded Stowe for his first spell at the school in 1934, teaching history and English under the famous J. F. Roxburgh. His first headship at Taunton began in 1936.

A captain in the Territorial Army, he was called up on the outbreak of the war to serve with the Royal Scots Fusiliers. But Taunton School suffered

so badly from his absence that he was discharged from the Army after a year to return to his study - on condition that he ran its Officer Training Corps (OTC). He also had to help to organise accommodation for two other schools which had been evacuated there during the war.

An active member of the Church of Scotland, Crichton-Miller taught divinity throughout his time as a headmaster. But his strengths and his principal interest lay in administration and school governance. He was chosen to carry out education surveys for Pakistan in 1951 and Malia in 1956, which illustrates his then growing reputation.

A strong man in terms of physique and personality, he exuded a presence which few questioned. It was said that he was loved by his pupils and feared by his staff - but respected by all,

Boys at Taunton dubbed him the Monarch, and when he appeared on the touchline at the schools rugby match, his own school broke into loud spontaneous cheering.

One theory about what went wrong at Stowe involves an incident towards the end of his time at Fettes. He discovered, to his great shame and disappointment, that a number of prefects had been smoking in the hall porter's office - in flagrant breach of school rules. Moreover, this had been going on under his nose.

Although he dealt swiftly and severely with the culprits, expelling the school's head boy, his confidence was said to have been shaken. At Stowe, therefore, he decided to stamp his authority on the school from the outset — so running full-tilt into opposition.

In retirement, however, he accepted a number of school governorships, of both feepaying and state schools, and retained close contacts with those in which he himself had taught. These included Stowe. whose new headmaster always made him feel welcome.

Donald Crichton-Miller married his wife Monica in 1931. They met at Cambridge where she was a Girton undergraduate and lacrosse Blue. She survives him together with two sons and a daughter.

**DRUM MATTHEWS** 

#### ROBERT SPENCER

Robert Spencer, lutenist, died of cancer on August 8 aged 65. He was born on May 9, 1932.

ROBERT SPENCER was influential in many spheres of British musical life - performance, teaching, collecting and scholarship. A foundermember of the Bream Consort, he also played lute and guitar for the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratfordupon-Avon and theorbo continuo for Raymond Leppard's ground-breaking early opera productions at Glyndebourne in the 1960s.

This experience with the stage set him apart from many colleagues in the early music movement. Spencer was passionate about the theatricality of performance, as a soloist, as an accompanist and as a teacher at the Royal Academy of Music. A singer himself, he was a

remarkably sensitive accompanist, working with Wilfred Brown, Janet Baker, James Bowman, Michael Chance and many others. Perhaps his most notable partnership was with Alfred Deller, taking over from Desmond Dupré as his accompanist and patiently transposing Deller's repertoire progressively down by semi-tones as the countertenor's voice began to deepen

with age. Spencer was a fine lute soloist in his own right, with a large, rich tone, but he never converted from playing with flesh and nails in the guitar fashion to the so-called "PI" technique, taking runs with the thumb and index finger, which is now de rigueur for lutenists. He grew increasingly self-conscious about this, and sadly gave up playing altogether a few years ago.

Spencer was appointed a professor at the Royal Academy of Music in 1974 and also taught at the Royal College. the Guildhall School of Music and countless summer schools around the world. His early English song classes at the Academy were highly successful, and many singers, including leading professionals now specialising in all periods and styles, benefited from Spencer's insights into Dowland

and Purcell. Never pedantic, and highly

sceptical of those advocating "period pronunciation" and strict adherence to treatises. Spencer had a gift for teaching singers how to communicate directly with the audience, especially through words and gestures.

Spencer was a noted authority on early English music and on the 19th-century guitar. publishing many scholarly articles and editions. He lectured and examined at Oxford and King's College London and was frequently consulted by Sotheby's and the British Library about manuscripts and old editions. But perhaps his greatest achievement was as a collector himself.

Not a person of independent means, he, nevertheless, through shrewd dealing and a good eye, amassed one of the reatest collections of Joth and 17th-century English printed music, manuscripts and books, superior in some respects even to those of the British Library and the Bodleian. His prized possessions were a lute book bearing the coat of arms of Queen

Elizabeth I and the only extensive writing in the hand of John Dowland, the lutenist composer. He also assembled a fine collection of Renaissance and Baroque lutes and guitars, all meticulously maintuined in playing condition, together with furniture, paintings and other illustrations of musicians.

Spencer was liked and respected by everyone who knew him. He dedicated his life to his students and the many singers he accompanied. But the abiding memory of his closest colleagues will have is of a soloist: several years ago. in the midst of a gruelling North American tour with the Deller Consort, Spencer, so sick with 'flu that he could barely walk on stage, played Dowland's Melancholy Galliard in a manner which was both tragic and uplifting, going straight to the hearts of the audience, most of whom had never before heard a note of Dowland.

He is survived by his wife. Jill Nott-Bower, the actresssinger, and two sons.

Drum Matthews, FRS geophysicist, died of a heart attack on July 20 aged 66. He was born on

February 5, 1931. DRUM MATTHEWS was a distinguished geophysicist whose scientific discoveries in the 1960s helped to bring about the "plate tectonics revolution", overturning conventional geological wisdom and explaining the origins of the oceanic crust. Later, in the 1980s, he turned his attention to the study of the continents, and he led Britain's national effort in deep seismic reflec-

tion profiling until his retirement in 1990.

Drummond Hoyle Matthews was educated at Bryanston before doing National Service as an officer in the Royal Navy and taking a degree in natural sciences at King's College, Cambridge. From 1955 to 1957 he carried out sometimes arduous field work with the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey fnow the British Antarctic He would later blame the

high-fat field rations on which he had to survive during this period in his life for causing

lasting damage to his health he suffered from diabetes and consequent heart problems. But it was during these years, too, that he first came into contact with the then heretical ideas of continental drift ideas more current in the southern hemisphere than in either Europe or North

Matthews returned to Cambridge in 1958 to work for his PhD under Maurice Hill, studying basalts dredged from the deep sea-floor of the eastern North Atlantic Ocean. Remaining in Cambridge as a Research Fellow of King's.

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then as head of the marine geophysics group from 1966, led many research cruises, particularly in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans and in the Mediterranean.

It was data acquired during the International Indian Ocean Expedition in 1962 that prompted his most influential discovery, published with his then doctoral student Fred Vine in Nature in 1963. Vine and Matthews noted that the pattern of magnetic stripes that cover the ocean floor (known since the early 1950s) could be explained by ideas of ocean-floor spreading and periodic reversals of the Earth's magnetic field. This work led irresistibly to widespread acceptance of the ideas of continental drift, the impermanence of oceanic crust, and to plate tectonics, so providing the paradigm which underpins all geological theories of the past quarter-century. The reaping of this harvest occupied Drum and his graduate students, many of whom later became distinguished col-

leagues, for many years. By the late 1970s the plate-tectonics revolution had led to much greater understanding of mid-ocean ridges and of oceanic evolution. Matthews sought new scientific challenges in the study of the continents, which defied (and still defy) understanding in the same detail. Together with Derek Blundell, he initiated the British Institutions' Reflection Profiling Syndicate (BIRPS), the first successful national deep seismic-reflection programme to be established in Europe, and the first to undertake widespread

crustal-penetrating continental seismic profiling at sea. He led BIRPS from its foundation in 1980 until he took early retirement after a heart attack in 1990. He presided over an enormous data-collection effort and over the resulting growth in understanding brought about by the application of deep reflection profiling to the task of mapping the British Isles for the first time in the third vertical - dimension. One of the cross-section profiles most commonly seen in today's

into the Earth.

undergraduate textbooks was named DRUM (Deep Reflections from the Upper Mantle) in his honour by his colleagues, and exemplifies the power of this geophysical technique to penetrate ever-deeper (more than 50 miles down)

Matthews was much loved not only for his leadership and encouragement of younger scientists, but also for his quirky and often whimsical sense of humour. The name BIRPS gave much entertainment (the originally to have been "Universities"). Matthews once delighted in lecturing an eminent audience on "BIRPS" above - deep gas below?". and earlier in his career was happy to discover a new oceanic deep adjacent to the Peake Deep, which he was then able to name the Frean

On his retirement from Cambridge University Matthews accepted the accolade of having a building named in

his honour, with the proviso that it be called not the Matthews Building but the Drum Building. He regarded life and scientific inquiry us a great adventure, which he shared freely. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society

Drum Matthews was twice married. He is survived by his widow Sandie, who brought great joy to the last ten years of his life, and by his first wife Rachel and their son and daughter.

in 1974.

#### ALPINE ASCENTS. TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,- No one will dispute the moral you draw in your article of vesterday from Mr. Whymper's account of the accident on the Matterhorn. Allow me to suggest another viz., that in all mountain expeditions involving risk one man of the party should be invested with the authority and responsibilities of captain. It would obviously fall within his province to put a veto on the further advance of any one of the party who might show symptoms of failing powers, to decide where a choice of routes was open, to enforce all due precautions as to the tying of the party with proper ropes at proper distances. &c.; to give with authority the necessary cautions to the less experienced climbers, and to check anything like rashness or carelessness on their part. Suppose that on the late occasion Mr. Whymper had been invested with this sort of authority, we may surmise that he would have thought it right to prevent Mr. Hadow's going on when he observed that his experience scemed inadequate to the work. We may feel certain that he would not only have suggested but enforced the precaution of attaching ropes to the rocks, to aid the descent at certain points. In either case, the accident

would probably not have happened. Let me

#### ON THIS DAY

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Edward Whymper (1840-1911) made the first ascent of the Matterhorn (14,692 ft) on July 13, 1865. A terrible tragedy occurred on the descent — four of his companions fell to their deaths.

not he understood as implying the faintest shadow of blame to Mr. Whymper under the actual circumstances. He had no command over the rest of the party; it would be cruel injustice to throw on him a responsibility which could only arise out of such command. That he did all he could, his well-earned reputation for skill and caution, as well as courage in moumain work, and, I may add. the manly and feeling tone of his letter, form an ample guarantee. The moral simply is that the most tried abilities and the best will may be present in vain, where "what is everybody's siness becomes nobody's business."

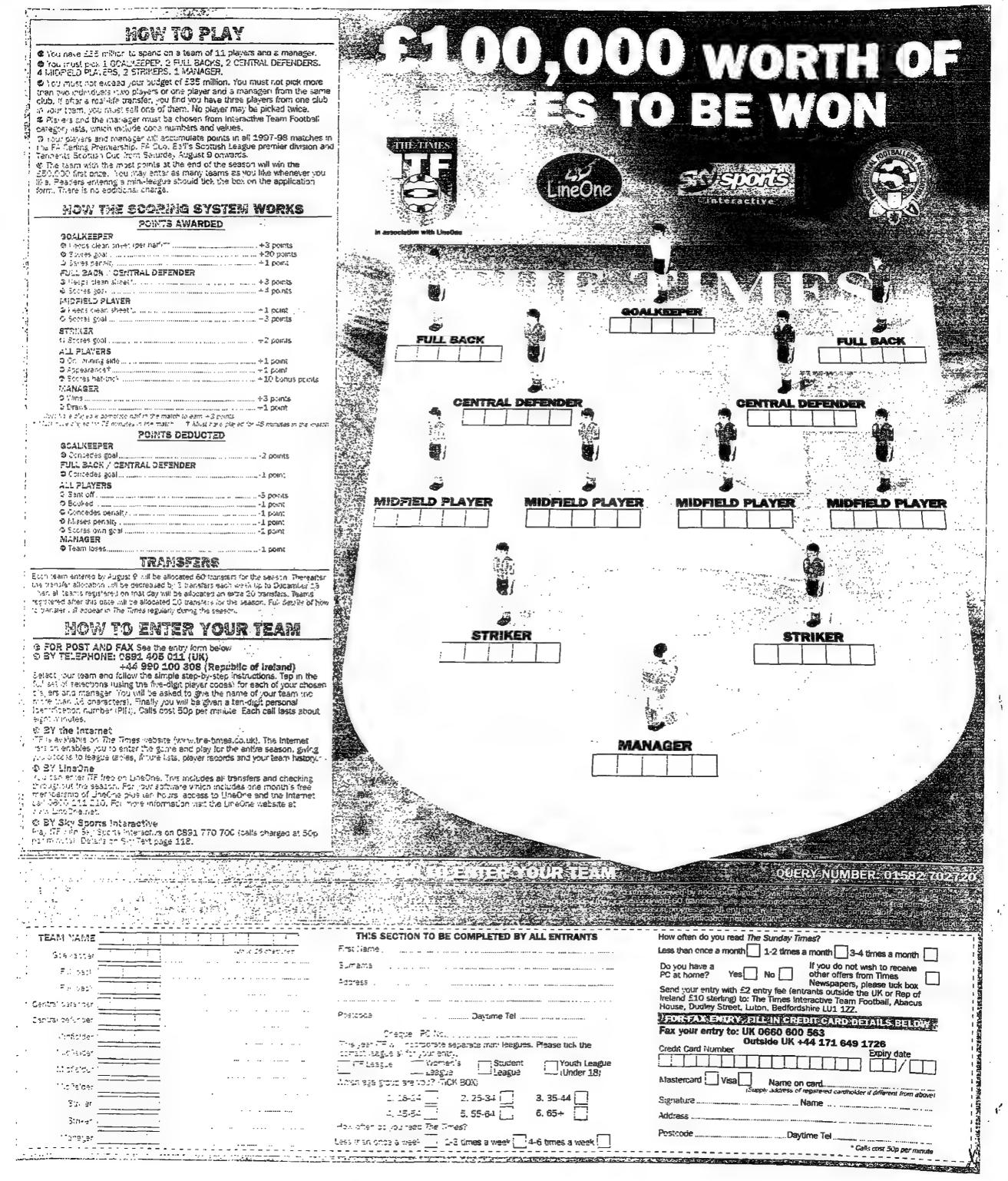
guide if there are more than one, the natural leader of the party? I should say that no guide could take the command of a party in the full sense I mean - except, of course, where he was conducting mere novices, which is not the sort of case I contemplate ... It is enough to say that the guide's position is an anomalous one. On one side the fittest of all, from skill and experience, to lead, on the other side he is but the servant of the party. Hence you may have from him outspoken advice, warning and remonstrance, but you will not have the decisive exercise of authority. I am well aware that the choice of a captain may often be a delicate matter, and his duties when chosen disagreeable, and requiring some moral courage to perform Still, as to the first point put the only difficult case, where two or more skilled mountaineers of equal pretensions are of the party, at the worst they can draw lots, or can take the command m rotation - while the sanction of usage once given to the captain's position, we need not fear the lack of moral courage to perform the duties among the type of men whose qualities and performances are likely to point them out I am, Sir. your obedient servant,

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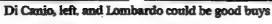
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## THE TIMES TODAY

#### NEWS

#### Nolan inquiry into Lords' interests

■ Lord Nolan is expected to launch the first investigation into standards in the House of Lords after hundreds of peers failed to register their financial interests.

Barely half of the 600 regular attenders have listed any consultancies or directorships, including Lord Parkinson, the Conservative Party Chairman who was in the forefront of the Opposition's campaign against Lord Simon of Highbury over his failure to declare his £2 million BP shareholding .... Page 1

#### 6,000 sex offenders on register

Six thousand names will go on to the national sex offenders' register immediately it comes into effect at the beginning of next month, the Home Office said. A further 3,500 names are expected to be added every year to the register, which will be 

#### Cruiser hits bridge

Twenty-seven people, including nine Britons, were injured, one seriously, when a cruiser on the Seine rammed the Pont Royale in Paris after an electronic navigation error... .... Page I

#### Helicopter crash

At least two men died when their chartered Bell Jet Ranger helicopter crashed in flames beside the M6 near Lancaster. No vehicles were hit by debris and traffic continued to flow ..

#### Prescott intervenes

John Prescott surprisingly intervened in Foreign Office affairs by ordering an investigation into why five young African priests have been refused visas to visit .....Page 2 Britain.....

#### Essex lokes are off

Essex council is to counter the feckless image of Essex Man and his high-heeled moll which is undermining investment opportunities in the county.....Page 3

#### Prayer for Dana

A pilgrimage to Knock turned into a political rally when Roman Catholics asked God to make the former singer Dana the next President of Ireland...... Page 4

#### The lying camera

The Press Complaints Commission was urged to review its code of practice after The Mirror faked a picture of Diana, Princess of Wales with Dodi Fayed .... Page 5

#### NHS loss leaders

Drug companies are milking the NHS by selling hospitals costly brand-name products at a discount knowing that patients will insist on the same drugs from their GPs later .....

#### Football crazy

The rules of football were codified in 1862 as The Simplest Game, our series on Victorian Britain explains. The FA Cup was established in 1872 and quickly became immensely popular......Page 7

#### Arts for all

With 14,297 performances on the Edinburgh Festival fringe alone, performances are taking place anywhere and everywhere - including in a lorry and a jellyshaped nylon tent ...... Pages 8, 15

#### Rat paradise

The city of Wroclaw in Poland has been taken over by rats as the Oder floodwaters recede. They are so well fed that the rat-catchers cannot tempt them ..... Page 9 Peace progress

#### American efforts to revive the Middle East peace process made headway as Israeli and Palestinian intelligence chiefs met amid

Palestinian protests ...... Page 10 Red-hot sex files Two months before indian independence sensational files on the sex lives of the maharajahs were burnt by the Raj because they lent

themselves to blackmail.. Page 11

#### The King is dead — long live the King

Thousands of British Elvis fans and impersonators will be at Graceland, the Presley mansion in Memphis, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the death of the King this Saturday. The Elvis afficionados will journey on to Los Angeles and Hawaii where the official British fan club will treat four couples to an Elvis and Priscilla-style "Hawaiian Blue" weuding ...... Page 3



The Prince of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry disembarking from Britannia on their way to Balmoral yesterday

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Swiss victory: Martin Ebner, the Swiss financier who is keen to reorganise the country's moribund financial services sector, had his first victory as Credit Suisse and Winterthur Group announced their intention to merge .... Page 23 Watchdog: Howard Davies, the

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Cricket: Despite the Ashes series defeat England's management intends to offer Michael Atherton the captaincy in the West Indies this winter, probably with Adam Hollicake as his deputy.... Page 44 Football: Manchester United have signed Henning Berg from Black-

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Motor racing: Damon Hill is on holiday after his remarkable drive in the Hungarian Grand Prix which so nearly brought a totally unexpected victory...

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Body check: An artist has been charged with stealing body parts but the laws on disposal of human remains are vague \_\_\_\_. Page 33

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#### Democratic deficit

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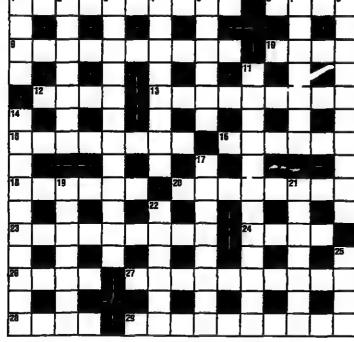
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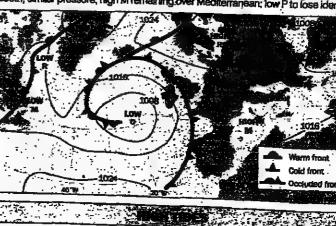
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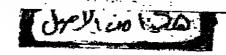
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## Stability wins the day as market fears ebb away

TUESDAY AUGUST 12 1997

A DAY anticipated with fear on world financial markets, after last week's sudden break in price trends, passed off peacefully as investors and traders opted for stability. rather than speculation.

In the UK, further evidence confirmed sterling's recent strength has quelled any inflationary pressure on manufacturers. But the British Retail Consortium (BRC) reported the fastest monthly growth in sales since October as some consumers spent windfalls from conversion of building

foreign exchanges, the dollar and sterling recovered from their retreat on Friday, but traders made no attempt to fight against the change of direction of the mark and the yen. The Sterling Index rose from 101.3 to 102.1 as the pound regained a cent against the dollar, to \$1.59, and two plennigs against the mark to DM 2.95.

Blue chip shares opened sharply lower after Friday's late fall on Wall Street, but recovered quickly in the absence of specula-tive selling. Instead, buyers came back for smaller companies and manufacturers. The FISE 100 index was virtually unchanged on

the day, at 5,031.9. The index of the next 250 companies made modest gains. Gilt-edged slipped in quiet trading.

In New York, the dollar retrieved a little of Friday's loss against the and securities ended flat. The long bond and share prices had fallen by noon. Shares also fell on the Continent, but only in Japan was there any marked drop, the Nikkei index down 4 per cent. or 780 points, at 18,828.

The BRC registered like-for-like retail sales 5.2 per cent higher by value in July than a year ago and 4.8 per cent in the past three months. The growth rate has recovered since the spring but is still lower than a

up on summer clothes in the July sales. The BRC suggests that spending of windfalls boosted home decorating and one-off items such as computers. Adding in new stores and extra selling space, the value of July sales was 8.2 per cent up on a year ago.

Strong sterling, which has deprived London stores of tourist business, has again helped manufacturers control costs. Input prices fell a further 0.4 per cent (seasonally adjusted) in July, making an annual cut of 8.9 per cent. up from 8.6 per cent in June. Producers' output prices disappointed most analysts by rising 0.2 per cent in July.

to 1.4 per cent. The average City forecaster projected an annual rise of 1.2 per cent.

All the rise was, however, attributed to rises in taxes and excise duties, notably the latest Budget levy on petrol. So the sole evidence of inflationary pressure was firms ability to pass these taxes on. Excluding food, drink, tobacco and petrol, factory gate prices were unchanged in July. That left annual output price inflation at 0.6 per cent.

Retail price inflation is today expected to have risen in July, mainly due to mortgages.

Sighs of relief, page 27

# Financier forces big Swiss merger

MARTIN EBNER, the mayerick Swiss financier with a self-imposed mission to reorganise his country's moribund financial services sector, scored his first victory vesterday as Credit Suisse: the investment bank and Winterthur Group, the in-surer, announced their inten-

The move catapults the bank over its closest rivals SBC and UBS and will create one of the biggest financial services providers in the world with 15 million customers, a market capitalisation of E21 billion and £294 billion under management. It accelerates the trend towards bancassurance, which is blurring the traditional distinctions between financial services providers.

Mr Ebner, who controls a 25 per cent stake in Winterthur through his BZ Trust, last week put pressure on the companies to get together. He threatened that he might mount a full takeover bid for the insurer and then, if Credit Suisse would not buy it, seek another bank as a partner. This compelled Winterthur, which signed a strategic alliance with Credit Suisse last year, to invite the bank to

formalise the relationship. Credit Suisse, however, was keen to play down Mr Ebner's role in bringing the two companies together, saying the potential for further ties had become clear over the course of their co-operation. Lukas Mühlemann, chief executive



of the combined group, said: "The merger is a powerful, forward looking response to developments in the financial services market. The Group will open up far reaching op-portunities to leverage multiple distribution channels to better serve our customers,

Credit Suisse said the mera er would generate between £126 million and £147 million (300-350 million Swiss francs) in cost savings. It would also balance a more stable stream of insurance income against its own more erratic earnings from banking. Both factors would offset the initial dilution effect of the merger, it said. Salomon Brothers forecast earnings per share for the combined group of 11.9 per cent this year, rising to 12.1 per cent in 1998.

for shareholders."

Credit Suisse revealed its half-year profits early, saying it expected a 70 per cent improvement on last year, to around Swil.4 billion.

The merger is proposed as a share exchange, offering 7.3 Credit Suisse shares for each Winterthur share. This represents a 7 per cent premium to the average price of the last 30 days and 36 per cent more than the market price three months ago, before Mr Ebner

started agitating.

BZ Group described the move as "a reasonable industrial solution done at a fair price". If approved by BZ Group and other shareholders on September 5, Winterthur will become a third sector of the Credit Suisse Group, taking over CS Life, while retaining its brand and operational independence. Some 500 jobs will go without redundancies.

Analysts predicted the move could trigger further consoli-dation in Swiss financial services. The synergies arising from the merger give Credit Suisse an immediate competitive edge over its closest rivals. UBS and SBC.

Credit Suisse could face problems in the US, where regulations prohibit banks and insurance companies from owning each other.



Rainer Gut, left, president of Credit Suisse, shakes hands with Peter Spaelti, chief executive of Winterthur, in Zurich yesterday as the merger was agreed

## Davies seeks key super-SIB staff

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

HOWARD DAVIES, the chairman of the new super City watchdog, has moved swiftly to fill senior posts to oversee the creation of the new regulatory body to protect investors' money.

Mr Davies, the former depugovernor of the Bank of ngland, has appointed Saxton Bampfylde, the headhunter, to interview candidates for an all-powerful four-strong ex-Davies will chair. Competition

for the four key posts is expected to be keen with a number of outsider throwing their hats into the ring.

The new committee will dominate the creation of Newro (the New Regulatory Organisation) which will replace the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the chief City watchdog. The frontline regulators that police fund managers, retailers sell-ing direct to the public and brokers and futures dealers will be part of what has been dubbed the new super-SIB as will those regulating building

insurance companies. Since taking up his Newro

post on August I, Mr Davies has also decided to bring in new external consultants to replace Westminster Strategy. a long-time SIB adviser. The first appointment to the

Newro committee is likely to be Michael Foot, the Bank of England's head of banking supervision, who will move his 500-strong staff over to the new watchdog next year. Mr Foot will play a key role in the establishment of the new allembracing regulator. Andrew

and a former Treasury mandarin, is another strong contender to join the Newro executive committee.

it is understood, however, that the chief executive's role will be split with one looking after day-to-day management, including personnel and administration, while another will focus on supervision and surveillance of City firms. Another name being tipped to join the new committee is Richard Kilsby, a respected Stock Exchange director. In a letter to City watchdogs

committee, Mr Davies says that he wants to be fair to all the constituent parts of Newro and the nine diverse bodies that it will include. Equally, the former deputy governor has said that those regulatory executives already in place will have "first crack of the

whip" in the selection process. All senior Newro board appointments will have to be approved by the Treasury and, for the time being, the Bank of England.

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## Island sees light with millennium coup

By NATHAN YATES

A REPUBLIC in the South Pacific has outflanked British businessmen in the rush to cash in on the dawn of the new millenniam.

Entrepreneurs, including Norris McWhirter, the Guinness Book of Records mastermind, have bought rights to the highest points of Pitt Island, off New Zealand, cited by the Royal Observatory as the first land to catch the sun on New Millennium

Day. Thousands of tourists are expected to flock there on December 31, 1999.

But the Republic of Kiribati has redrawn the international dateline so that a tiny uninhabited outpost will now catch the first glimpse of new millennium sunlight — Caroline Island will see dawn 22 minutes earlier than Pitt. Yesterday a Kiribati radio report claimed that the Government is to underline this fact by changing Caroline's name to Millennium Island.

The move is a blow to several British businessmen who have rented vantage points on Pitt. The Millennium Adventure Company, run by Mr McWhirter, is among those hoping to strike lucra-tive leasing deals with tour operators and individual mil-

lennium dawn-seekers. Travel companies, such as STA Travel, have organised millennium tours to Pitt and nearby Gisborne City on the New Zealand mainland. They also stand to lose as Caroline Island's status as the first to see the dawn is publicised. According to the Royal

tour operators or Mr McWhirter can do. "The dateline system is a social convention rather than an international law," said Dr Robin Catchpole, "Kiribati is perfectly free to do this .... Stretching the dateline is likely to produce a surge in tourism revenue for Kiribati.

The South Pacific is the top

destination for the millenni-

taken bookings, and there's Observatory, there is little that no question that people want to be the first to see the dawn." However, according to the Royal Observatory, those celebrating millennium eve in

the South Pacific will be misguided. "Scientifically speaking, the true turn of the year is at midnight Greenwich Mean Time," Dr Catchpole said. "And the earliest year 2000 dawn is September 22, 1999 at the South Pole."

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agent said. "We have already

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#### British Telecom under pressure

British Telecom was under pressure yesterday to renegotiate or abandon, its £14 billion takeover of MCI of ex-dividend and closed sharply lower. Reports have been circulating that GTE, America's largest local phone operator, would like to replace BT as MCI's partner.

#### Departure date sought for Pitcher

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By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

UNITED UTILITIES will today be pressed to name a departure date for its beleaguered executive chairman. Sir Desmond Pitcher.

At an emergency board meeting directors will hear details of the unrest from institutional investors gathered at meetings with shareholders which, it emerged yesterday, have been conducted by more than one nonexecutive director.

The board is expected to hear complaints from shareholders collected from meetings with Sir Peter Middleton, the BZW chairman and senior

United non-executive director. One source close to the company said: "A number of shareholders are leaning on the board for an immediate decision on the date." It is thought that a departure by the next annual meeting -July 1998 — would be

acceptable. Meanwhile the executive chairman, who had wanted to cancelled holiday plans.

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## Eurodollar board backs £95m American bid

By Adam Jones

THE board of EuroDollar, the carrental agency that shocked investors with a profits slump after flotation in 1994, has recommended a £95.1 million bid by Republic Industries, the US group chaired by Wayne Huizenga, the garbage-to-videos bil-

Yesterday, Republic said it had bought 29.9 per cent of EuroDollar in the open market. It has undertakings from directors relating to another 13

bid. The offer of 190p per share cash. with a loan note alternative, represents a premium of 60 per cent to EuroDollar's closing price last Fri-day. One big shareholder likely to accept said yesterday: "We're not disgusted by the offer."

EuroDollar was listed in 1994 at an offer price of 220p. Pre-tax profits fell from £14.6 million to £4 million after flotation following a collapse in the resale value of its fleet.

Institutions who picked the shares up cheaply include Gartmore, NatWest's fund management arm.

and Schroders, Mercury Asset Management is another big shareholder. The Huizenga family made their

money through rubbish collection, starting the Ace Scavenger Service in 1894. The company became Waste Management, which attracted controversy in the 1980s for misdemeanours including pollution violations and price-fixing.

Mr Huizenga is a former chairman of Blockbuster Video and is regarded as having turned round Republic's previously see-sawing performance. He is a keen sports fan,

owning the the Amercian football team, the Miami Dolphins.

Republic's interests include Alamo Rent-A-Car and National Car Rental, as well as financial and security services. Geoff Corbett, of Republic, said the management of EuroDollar would be retained. He said EuroDollar had tamed the volatility that led to the profits slump through guaranteed repurchase programmes. Euro-Dollar has about 15 per cent of the UK rental market, he said, adding that Republic wanted to increase the number of foreigners renting

through the company. He said 95 per cent of EuroDollar's customers are from the UK. Alamo already has some offices in the UK, but Mr. Corbett said there would be no problem of one business growing at the expense of the other. EuroDollar's weaker US franchise, Dollar. may be rebranded.

Ian Moseley, chief executive, will receive nearly £4 million for his holdings. Other directors have holdings ranging from 1.4 million shares to 1.6 million. The shares closed at 188p; up 69 2p.

# Friendly Tigers seek conversion

THE prospect of the first reg-by union side to float on the stock market moved closer yes-

pay £200 a year each to watch the team. But Peter Wheeler, the former England player who is now the club's chief executive, wants to raise [3 million to develop the Welford Road ground. He believes a further £4 million is needed to build up commercial activities. He has appointed HSBC Merchant Bank and KPMG.

ploit new sources of finance

Although no rugby union clubs are quoted independent-

stock market moved closeryes-terday when Leicester FC, one of the leading teams in the Courage League, announced plans to convert to a plc.

Leicester — nicknamed the Tigers — is a friendly society, owned by 9,000 members who nav F200 a war each to watch

the accountant to advise on fundraising options. The first step is to ask members to agree to convert to a plc, a move re quiring a 75 per cent majority. "Conversion to ple status will put us in a position to ex-

and further enhance the states of Leicester Tigers," said Mr Wheeler. The club will not rule out a stock market float, but its finances suggest other methods may be better. It has a wage bill of more than £1.5 million but latest accounts show income of only £1 million.

ly, Wasps is owned by Loftus Road, an ALM company, London Scottish and London Irish raised money through private placings, and Sara-cens, Gloucester and New-castle have wealthy benefact-ors. Sheffield Eagles recently became the first rugby league club to float on the AIM.

## Pan Andean in talks over Bolivian oil

PAN ANDEAN, the Dublin oil explorer whose shares have endured a white-knuckle ride over the past 12 months, down from 1352p to 262p. yesterday announced that it is in talks with four international oil companies over a joint drilling venture in Bolivia. The company, which saw £35 million wiped off its market value last year when a drilling programme in Bolivia failed to find oil, still believes that

hydrocarbons exist in its Chapare exploration block.
Yesterday's statement came in the wake of Pan Andean's row with BHP, the Australian resources group, which resulted in their Bolivan joint venture being abandoned this year. The dispute began when BHP refused to start drilling this year. Pan Andean also reported full-year pre-tay losses of this year. Pan Andean also reported full-year pre-tax losses of £110,000, compared to £143,000 in the previous year.

### Marley expands in US

MARLEY, the building materials group, is buying Flexco, the Alabama flooring business of Robbins Inc., for £24.8 million (\$39.2 million). Marley said that the company, which made an operating profit of \$5.4 million last year on sales of \$35.7 million, would strengthen its business in North America and provide it with a complementary product range. The assets being bought had a book value of \$12.5 million at the end of last year.

#### Cortworth up to £5.4m

CORTWORTH, the specialist engineering company that agreed to a £97 million takeover bid by the Kuwaiti-owned BI Group last month, reported an increase in pre-tax profits from £5 million to £5.4 million. Earnings per share went up from 7.1p to 7.9p in the six months to June 30. The shares stand at 1922p. 32p below Bl's offer. The company said: "Due to the terms of the BI Group offer, the results have been produced on the basis that no interim dividend will be paid."

#### Diagonal advances

DIAGONAL, the IT services group that floated on the stock exchange in March, yesterday reported an 82 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, from \$1780.000 to \$1.42 million, for the six months to June. Turnover was up 41 per cent, from \$12.6 million to \$17.8 million, and earnings per share rose from 2.7p to 3.8p. An interim dividend of 0.8p is due October 3. Mark Samuels, Diagonal's executive chairman, said that the company was expanding to meet demand.

#### Clyde Blowers' revision

SHARES in Clyde Blowers dropped 30p to 330p yesterday after the engineering group revised its sales forecast for the next year, reducing it by £2 million because of the strength of the pound. Sales in the year to angust 1996 reached £45 million. Clyde said the strength of sterling had strongly affected its Richard Sienen and Spurtevant/Vac-U-Max businesses, part of the materials handling division. In the last quarter Clyde said it had dropped £3 million of turnover.

#### Rexam switches payout

REXAM, the paper and packaging group, believes it will save around £3 million in recovered advance corporation tax by paying its first interim dividend of £.9375p as a foreign income dividend. Rexam also said that it will pay the half-yearly fixed dividend on the convertible preference shares as a foreign income dividend. The company said is intends to pay a second interim dividend on November 5 to the holders of ordinary shares.

#### Style to cut dash on AIM

STYLE HOLDINGS, the retailer of branded menswear, is joining the Alternative investment Market and expects dealings to begin on August 26. Shore Capital Stockbrokers is the nominated adviser and broker. It recently completed a 54.4 million private placing for Style, raising almost El million. Style plans to expand its 12-store Envy retail chain, begun in 1992, and has identified another 20 sites. Style's has 124 shop inshops in 118 host outlets, mostly Burton Top Man stores.

#### **Optometrics** improves

OPTOMETRICS, the engineering group, reported a full-year net loss of \$259,936 (£153,000) in the year to March 31, an improvement from the previous \$767,972 loss. Losses per share fell from 7.4Lc to 2.50c. Frank Denton, chairman, said the company moved into profit in the first quarter this year and current trends in order bookings, along with new products launches, should give a strong second half. He said that the fullyear loss was mainly due to the phase out of Euro Biosystems.

#### Emap in Australian deal

EMAP, the publisher, is to buy Mason Stewart Publishing and Bounty Services, both of Australia, for about £5 million subject to Australian regulatory approval. Both companies have long been licensees of Emap titles such as Smash Hits, Slimming and Mother and Baby. Philip Mason, founder of Mason Stewart, will be chairman of the new company; Arthur Bateman, Bounty's founder, will be an adviser to Bounty.

#### Ascot's French sale

ASCOT HOLDINGS, the diversified industrial group, yesterday sold its Clearplas France Bibliothiary, acquired last August, for Fr85 million (18.56 million) to Key Plastics of the US. Net assets amounted to Fr38 million and the pre-tax profit reached Fr8.5 million. Ascots all receive Fr66 million in profit reached Fr8.5 million. cash and Fr19 million by repayment of group debt. Ascot said that "further divestments are planned"

## Asians and **IMF** put £10bn into **Thailand**

THE world's second largest economic rescue took shape vesterday as the International Monetary Fund and several nations led by Japan offered Thailand \$16 billion (£10 billion) in loans to shore up the troubled baht currency.

It is the largest package offered to a single country since the IMF and other donors led by America made nearly \$40 billion available to Mexico during the 1995 currency crisis.

The loans would give Thailand the foreign exchange reserves it needs to fill in the black holes left by the collapse of the baht last month. The offer came as Thailand began strict economic reforms, including cutting government spending, raising taxes and closing dozens of troubled finance companies.

Japan and the IMF will each provide \$4 billion in Australia, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Singapore will provide \$1 billion each. while South Korea and Indo-

#### TOURIST RATES

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nesia will lend \$500 million each. The other \$3 billion will come from the World Bank. the Asia Development Bank and maybe China. Germany, Britain. France and Canada also sent officials to the IMF meeting in Tokyo yesterday but did not offer contributions.

Thailand gave no official reaction and share prices on its stock market slid 0.72 per

cent in subdued trading.

For years, Thailand had boasted one of the world's fastest growing economies. But in early July the baht fell sharply, exacerbating prob-lems in the financial industry caused by falling property prices and bad loans. Free market economic poli-

cies in the late 1980s produced average annual growth rates of more than 9 per cent, but these policies also triggered a speculative property boom in which investors built more buildings than they could fill and lenders poured money into projects doomed to fail. The Bank of Thailand has already injected \$14.5 billion into the country's troubled

finance sector. When the Government floated the baht currency, it promptly lost 20 per cent against the dollar. The flotawas intended to mak Thai exports more competitive. Soon afterward, the currencies of Malaysia and the Philippines fell, causing some investors to lower their expectations of economic growth in

South-East Asia. Yesterday the Malaysian ringgit continued to fall against the US dollar, hitting a 42-month low. The ringgit sank to a low of 2.7430 per dollar, its weakest since February 1994. The currency has remained under pressure since plunging 2 per cent on Friday shortly after Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, said he was happy with the ringgit's level.

# Altatron creates 300 | Low & Bonar pays

By A Correspondent

A HIGH-TECH American firm is to bring 300 jobs to Scotland. Altatron, based in California, is to set up an £8 million plant in Lanarkshire. where the jobs will be created

over three years. The company will occupy part of the Hamilton International Technology Park, which is expected to be operational by October. The news was welcomed by Malcolm Chisholm, the Scottish Office Minister, who said it "adds to Scotland's reputation as a world centre for electronics

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Locate in Scotland, the joint Scottish Office and Scottish

manufacture and research". The project was won by

Enterprise inward investment agency, working in partner-ship with Lanarkshire Development Agency and Akeler (Scotland), the developers. Ray Warrington, Altatron

Peter Wheeler is ready to tackle a change of stripes for the Leicester Tigers

corporate development vicepresident, said: "We chose Scotand because of its proximity to suppliers and customers and its logistics infrastructure." ☐ A further 100 jobs are

expected to be created by Stannifer Developments in Aberdeen, with plans for a retail warehouse with fastfood restaurant.

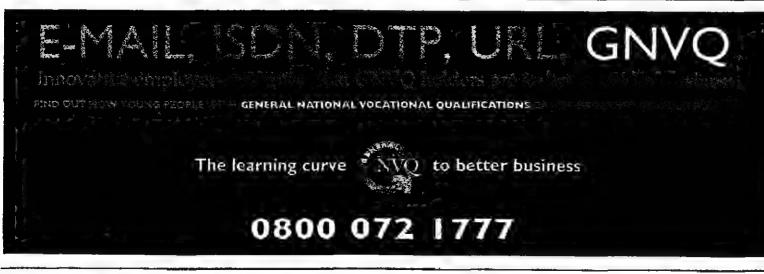
SHARES in Low & Bonar, the Nuway, which also has opera-Dundee packaging and plastions in the US and Prance, would further its position in

tics group, continued their ing 72p to 2482p after the company reported the £11 million acquisition of Nuway Manufacturing from BTR, the engineering conglomerate.

Low & Bonar's shares, which had reached a high of 574p last year, crashed to a low of 205p last month after the company gave up its contract to supply Kelloggs with break-fast food packets because of high capital costs.

The company said the pur-chase of Telford-based





## **Dublin** move

the floor coverings sector.

Nuway specialises in the des-

ign and manufacture of high-

performance flooring. Last

year, it made operating profits

of £1.3 million on sales of about

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of integrating Nuway is estimat-

Jim Heilig, L&B chief execu-

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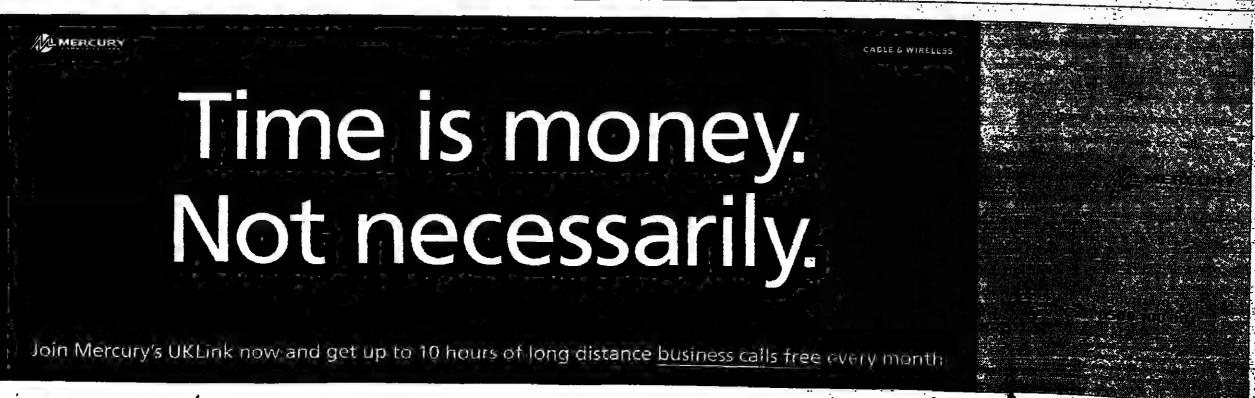
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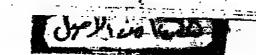
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most of its European reservation activity to Dublin. The company will phase out its London, Frankfurt, Paris, Zu-rich and Amsterdam reservation units over the next year. United has offered the 170 employees affected by the

change the opportunity to relocate to Dublin. It will be open seven days a week and is expected to employ 200 people by 2000. The reservations centre is being grant-assisted by the Industrial Develop-





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angerous tensions have been building up in world financial markets for several weeks. As logic gave way to trend, the odds have grown that it could end in tears. Speculators buying dollars to chase the rising interest rates they expected the Federal Reserve Board to impose gave way to other speculators as inflation failed to accelerate. The new

Britain and the second of the

buyers of dollars were chasing falling bond interest rates as Alan Greenspan the Fed's chair-man, became a born-again believer in America's productivity miracle and stopped talking down the rampant share price boom on Wall Street. Currency speculators selling marks against the prospect of a

widely-drawn soft euro gave way to speculators selling the mark against the weak German con-omy. They were daring the Bundesbank to act with un-

employment rising.

In the UK, prices of blue chips were rising sharply when interest rates were rising, when sterling's strength was hitting profits and when City forecasts of company earnings growth were falling month by month. Not sur-prisingly, the main buyers were continental fund managers chas-ing sterling as much as UK equities. So a big gulf has grown between the top bank, insurance and drug shares that are internationally traded and the rest

whose shares have stagnated. The trouble with such currency/asset price spirals is that they are mutually supporting. Once they go too far or are flung into reverse by official action or miscalculation, who knows what will happen? The sudden reversal of currency trends on Thursday and Friday caused flutters in the stoutest investors hearts. If there was going to be a crash, this could be the trigger. Aside from Tokyo following Friday's flutter on Wall Street,

yesterday was remarkably quiet on the markets. If overshoots on the foreign exchange markets can be unravelled without bouncing into a new and opposite trend, millions of investors will be able to sleep more soundly through sweaty August nights and fund managers will not have to fly back from the Riviera. Like the reformed at the markets will be to be a soundly be to the markets will be to be a soundly be to be to the markets will be to the total holic, the markets will have to take it one day at a time.

in the UK, at least, the Bank of England announcement that hit sterling offers hopes for asset prices. If the Bank abjures any further rise in base rates for at

Meltdown is put on ice **COMMENTARY** 

keast three months, and if shortterm rates are pretty near their near-term peak, as Liffe projections suggest, then the stock market's second-worst fear is dispelled. A gentle relapse of sterling would limit its third worry. That leaves blue chips and gilt-edged vulnerable to a crash but underwrites neglected second-rank stocks.

#### Davies sends out a search party

t is good to see that Howard Davies has lost no time in starting the search for his key directors to establish the new City regulator. The obvious names are already in the frame and include Andrew Winckler, the chief executive of the SIB, and Michael Foot from the Bank of England. Mr Davies has in-

dicated that those who are already in the world of regulation will be considered first and in the case of the aforementioned names that is as it should be.

by our City Editor

In studying the short-list of candidates for the other two posts on his executive committee. however, Mr Davies would be doing himself, and the cause of regulation, a great deal of good by spreading the recruitment net as widely as possible. For example, the new City watchdog will have to redraw its relationship with a whole set of

relationship with a whole raft of key London markets, including the metal, petroleum and other commodity exchanges as well as the Stock Exchange itself. In future there must be no question but that Newro, or whatever more punchy name it might assume, is the undisputed ruler

To do that, and to ensure that

London maintains its position as one of the world's top three trading centres, requires an executive committee member who is respected by the markets but knows their weak points. Richard Kilsby is one person who

adequately.

Equally Mr Davies should not be alraid to draw on the existing watchdogs and ask them to move speedily across to Newro. In that case senior figures such

could fill the role more than

as Richard Farrant, Nick Durlacher. Colette Bowe and even Phillip Thorpe, the enfant terrible of regulation, must have a great deal to offer.

What Mr Davies certainly does not need on his trail-blazing executive committee is a bunch of academics with no practical experience of what it really means to be a City watchdog on

But if he is to build the team he needs to fill the smart new headquarters he has still to find. he will have to address the vexatious question of City salaries. If the pay is not up to scratch, the right people will not be tempted to join the new team.

#### Scope for more summer visions

artin Ebner appears to have employed threats as well as promises in persuading two leading Swiss institutions that they would like to join forces for their mutual benefit, and his. In the past, Credit Suisse had

indicated that a full scale merger with Winterthur lacked particular attraction. More recently, the two have been talking but Mr Ebner may have feared that they might still have failed to appreciate each other's finer features. So last week he leapt into print with something he romannically entitled "Summer Visions".

In this newsletter for businesses, Mr Ebner mused on

three possible scenarios for Winterthur, in which he happens to have around a quarter of the shares. Credit Suisse might choose to bid for Winterthur: he might opt to buy the entire business; or Winterthur might find another powerful insurance group to be its partner.

The two companies may have dismissed such thoughts as the ramblings of a megalomaniac money man. Alternatively, the pair may have viewed two out of three of the options as deeply undesirable and decided to make

haste to cement the third.
If only other leading investors could be persuaded to put their thoughts on paper in this manner. Shareholders would surely appreciate a regular update on the thoughts of MAM, for

#### Over-dressed

FROM Wales comes word that certain textile workers are in danger of breaking bones trip-ping over piles of garments which look suspiciously like spring and summer stock and are therefore destined never to be welcome in the stores. The labels in the frocks bear the legend Laura Ashley. And the numbers of sad summery garments indicate that next week's trading statement could be extremely

## Ladbroke given licence for new London casino

BY DOMINIC WALSH

LADBROKE Group, hothy tipped as a bidder for the troubled casino operator Capital Corporation, has been granted a licence to open a £2 million casino at London's St Giles Hotel, the capital's first new licence for nine years.

There were suggestions that the move diminished the chances of a bid for Capital, which operates Crockfords and the Colony Club. Ladbroke emerged as a likely suitor after last week's deci-sion by the President of the Board of Trade to block a £190 million bid for Capital from London Clubs International. But most analysts were adamant a move on Capital was unaffected. One said:

"The new licence is aimed at licence to Ladbroke - the the lower end of the market, whereas Crockfords and the Colony Club are aimed at high-rollers. I would say it leaves open the possibility of

an approach for Capital."

Another said: "This is a coup for Ladbroke, which has effectively gained a new casino licence for nothing. But Capital's two licences are in a different league and my money is still on Capital being taken out by Ladbroke." Shareholders in Capital, still suffering the consequences of lax controls by past manage-ment, are pluning their hopes on a bid from Ladbroke or a US gaming company. The awarding of the new

company's fifth in the capital - surprised industry watch-ers, who have become hardened to the strict regulatory regime imposed by the Gam-ing Board. But in spite of objections from rival operator

Stakis, the Gaming Board agreed with the findings of the West Central Gaming Committee that there was unsatisfied demand in the area. The Malaysian owners of the St Giles, at the junction of Great Russell Street and Tottenham Court Road, have granted Ladbroke a 25-year lease on the 10,000 sq ft premises. Ladbroke is spending almost £2 million to create

a casino with 14 tables, six

jackpot machines and a res taurant and bar. It will open next summer as the Ladbroke Sporting Club and analysis predict it could make a profit of at least £2 million a year.

Elsewhere, Ladbroke continues to seek buyers for eight hotels worth more than £90 million that do not fit with the core Hilton brand. A Far Eastern investor is thought to be ready to pay more than £40 million for the 402-bedroom Plaza on Hyde Park in London, while Jarvis Hotels is reported to be looking at up to three of the provincial properties.

Ladbroke's shares edged 2p higher, to 2482 p, while Capital fell 4p to 161 2p.

#### New routes help to lift Ryanair

HIGHER than expected passenger numbers on its new European routes helped to boost after-tax profits at Ryanair, the Irish airline, to Irf4.3 million (E3.9 million) for the quarter to June 30, compared with Ir£2.8 million previously (Eileen McCabe writes). Earnings per share grew 44 per cent from 1r2.2p to 3.2p.

Ryanair, which this year floated on the Dublin and Nasdaq stock exchanges, says the average load factors on its new routes exceed 75 per cent. The flotation helped it to pay off almost all of its aircraft debt and boost cash reserves.

Ryanair intends to increase the size of its fleet and open up new routes by the end of the year.

## US disk firm appeals over £86m Amstrad damages

AND CHRIS AYRES

FORMER INVESTORS in Arnstrad had a setback yesterday when Seagate Technologies, the US disk drive maker, lodged an appeal against the £86 million damages award made in Amstrad's favour in their long-running legal baπle.

Under the deal to break up Amstrad, which came into effect ten days ago, former shareholders in the group founded by Alan Sugar received liteation certificates that entitled them to a share of the proceeds of the legal actions against Seagate in the UK, and Western Digital. another disk maker, in the US. The litigation certificates have been trading at under 10p each - compared with a



Sugar: offer for certificates

value of 50p if the £80 million damages awards is upheld. Mr Sugar has offered to buy certificates if any former shareholders want to sell. Seagate described the ruling awarding damages for mak-

personal computers as a 'home court decision'' Amstrad has also appealed against the way interest and tax have been calculated on the damages, damanding up to 520 million more.

Herbert Smith, Amstrad's lawyers, said that the judge used too low a rate of interest and used the corporation tax regime at the time the claim was lodged rather than when the award was made.

Meanwhile, Martin Bland. former Amstrad finance manager, yesterday joined Betacom, which was part-owned by Amstrad and took on a large portion of its old business. He replaces Julian Scidman, who only joined Betacom nine months ago. Mr Sugar became executive chairman after the Amstrad break-up.

#### Sterling mars mood at Premier **Farnell**

BY PAUL DURMAN

PREMIER Farnell, the electronics distributor whose shares have taken a nosedive this year, said that the strong pound will cut £5 million from its first-half profits.

its trading report, which otherwise was positive, was the first of a series that Premier Farnell intends to issue to rebuild its reputation after a badly handled profit warning in January. The company's shares have only recently started to recover, having crashed from 750p at the turn of the year, to 450p.
They closed 4p higher at 5362p.

The group is making the slowest progress in the North American arm of its catalogue distribution division, which is based around the Newark Electronics business acquired last year through a controversial £1.8 billion merger. In the 26 weeks to August 3, dollar sales were 3.5 per cent ahead of last year, and were gradually improving in the second

quarter.
Catalogue distribution sales in Europe and the rest of the world were 6 per cent ahead at constant exchange rates. Investments in its industrial catalogue, and in introducing Newark's catalogues to Europe, are not expected to break even this year. It said the UK market for electronic components remained slow, with the strength of sterling damaging custom from



Stephen Day, the chief executive of Kode International which raised pre-tax profit to £731,000 (£206,000) in the six months to June 27. The dividend was maintained.

#### Pledge by **Dalgety** to deter predators

By Sarah Cunningham

DALGETY, the Felix and Winalot pet foods company. vowed yesterday to do its utmost to remain independent, but acknowledged that it could be a takeover target. Ken Hanna, finance direcmr. said that the group and

Lazards, its banker, are fully prepared for a hostile bid. After two profit warnings, we have had to sharpen our He denied that there had been any discussions with

ING Barings, or any other merchant bank or company about taking over the group. Speculation has centred on Barings preparing a breakup bid and lining up various possible buyers for parts of the business, including Nestle. Associated British Foods and Ralston Purina of the

Analysts believe that the company, whose shares closed lop higher yesterday at 2662p, after falling from more than 350p this year, is vulnerable to a break-up bid at between 300p and 350p.

Mr Hanna said that the results of a strategic review will be presented to investors. along with the company's preliminary results, on Sep-

"We recognise that we have got to deliver," he said. "We believe that the current management can improve shareholder value."

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Waste disposal firm caught off guard by 'unsolicited' offer

## Leigh to resist £100m Utilities bid

By OLIVER ADOUST

LEIGH INTERESTS, the waste disposal company, is set to resist an "unsolicited" £100 million bid from General Utilities, the British arm of Compagnie Générale des Eaux. But investors welcomed the prospect of a takeover, sending the shares

up from 119p to 1464p. Leigh said in a statement "No proposal has yet been put forward by General Utilities and it is not clear to Leigh whether any proposal will be forth-coming. Insiders said that the company had been caught off guard, with many directors on holiday. A spokesman said

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that a further announcement will be made by the end of this week. The company, based in Stafford, returned to profit in the last financial year and is currently undergoing a restructuring that is expected to reduce debts through the

sale of assets. General Utilities yesterday confirmed its interest in Leigh. The French-owned utility company said talks were at an early stage and "may or may not lead to an offer or other form of corporate

Leigh was first approached by General Utilities on Sunday afternoon after speculation in the press. It has been

suggested that General Utilities was forced to make the approach earlier than it had intended. It said: "In the context of the international development of Compagnie Générale des Eaux, General Utilities routinely considers a number of options for the development of the

group's core businesses in the UK." This year, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission blocked a bid by General Utilities for Mid-Kent Water. The French group has retained a minority stake in Mid-Kent along with minority holdings in Bristol Water and South Staffordshire Water. It also controls four other water service companies.

## Weight of money saves shares from the bears

selves yesterday for a bloodbath in the wake of Friday's 127-point plunge by the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street. But it never materialised and a near 85point turnaround pulled share prices back on to an even keel.

There was a savage markdown first thing that saw the FTSE 100 index tumble 64.9 points. The absence of selling pressure, however, let bargain hunters make their move. By mid-afternoon the early deficit was transformed into a 19.8 rise. By the close the index was 0.6 up at 5.031.9 — a creditable performance given that the list of companies going ex-dividend was equivalent to a 15-point fall.

Dealers say the sheer weight of money building up outside the market and stock shortages continue to underpin equities. But with the inflation numbers due out this morning, investors were not

getting too carried away.

Blue chips were mixed, with

Commercial Union up 1013p at 746p after a recommendation from Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, while recent high-flyer Zeneca

dropped 26tap to £19.64. BT was a weak market in early trading, touching 36812p. after going ex the combined ordinary and special dividend totalling 47p. Friday's closing price of 42612p was later rebased to 39112p to take account of the special payment. It meant that on some trading screens the fall on the day was 4p at 38712p, while on others it was of 39p.

Guinness fell 812p to 58212 and Grand Metropolitan shed 8p at 58712p as HSBC James Capel, the broker, came out against their proposed £24

billion merger. The banks contained some notable failers, with Standard Chartered touching £10.3812 before rallying to reduce the deficit to £10.51. Nikko. the Japanese securities house, is urging for the shares to be sold once they reach the £10.06

NatWest Group remained after going ex the 10.5p divias more than two million shares changed

Abbey National also fell 1612p to 82912p after going ex-10.2p of dividend. Its acquisition of Cater Allen, the discount house, has been given the green light. Lloyds TSB

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Sheffield United up 412p, Sunderland down 212p

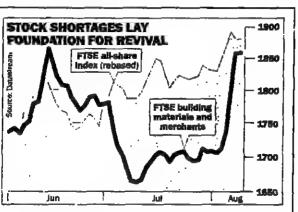
was another bank going ex dividend following a payment of 5.3p. The shares rose 912p to 763p. HSBC was also a strong market, posting a gain of

4512p at £23.3112. Psion began shrugging off the ill-effects of last June's profits warning to post a gain of 2212p at 30612p. It followed a report in The Times revealing that the group was having production difficulties because could not keep up with demand for its new Series 5 of

handheld computers. Saturday saw the start of the new football season. Yesterday saw the post mortems now likely to be a regular feature of the results summing-up. Manchester United was unchanged at 651 2p after making a positive start to retaining its championship title with a comfortable away win against Tottenham

Newcastle United celebrated

a home win against Sheffield



Selective support enabled the building suppliers to extend their recent rally although price movements continue to be exaggerated by stock shortages. RMC jumped 20p to £11.25, Redland 7p to 3134p, Travis Perkins 15p to 49612 p. Wolseley 7p to Kugby Group 45p to 125p. Hanson 4p to 331p.

and Marley 3p to 120p. Broker Mike Ruby at Credit Lyonnais Laing says that stock shortages have helped underpin the sector's performance. He said: "The rally is almost by default it was so badly sold

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lously cheap. There is not a lot of stock around and that is helping to fuel many of Publication last week of

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book showed signs that demand has started to pick up and conditions general-Mr Ruby added: "I was flabbergasted the way the sector was sold off towards the end of June. There was no justification for it. But sentiment has now started to improve and that should provide the impetus for further gains."

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Wednesday with a 212p rise to 130p. Southampton Leisure was 3p down at 8312p after its side lost at home to Bolton Wanderers, controlled by Burnden Leisure, 512p better at 4012p.

Meanwhile, Sunderland, relegated last year from the Premier League, slipped 21<sub>2</sub>p to 335p after losing away to Sheffield United, up 4p at

5312p. Rank Group was Ip firmer 34812p as BZW and NatWest bought back a fur-ther 500,000 shares at 344p. taking the total bought during the past couple of days to almost 42 million. The group has permission to buy back up to 83 million shares.

Pilkington continued to draw strength from Friday's upgrading by Goldman Sachs from "market outperformer" to "buy". The price firmed

Glynwed International fell op to 252p ahead of half-year figures later today. NatWest Securities is looking for a modest increase in pre-tax profits from £39.5 million to £40.7 million.

News of a bid approach lifted Horace Small Apparel 131 ap to 101 ap. The group has also announced a restructuring programme that will result in an £8 million write-off. if the talks are successful the bid is likely to be around the 110p level, valuing Small at

Fairfield Enterprise, maker of printing machinery, enjoyed a modest premium in first-time trading and ended the day at 11712p, a premium

GILT-EDGED: There was little enthusiam shown by investors to open fresh positions in the face of a stronger pound and weaker overseas bond markets. Many of them will wait to see the latest inflation numbers due out later today before committing

In futures, the September series of the long gilt finished a tick off at £11414 as the total number of contracts completed reached 36,000.

was unchanged at £109316. while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £532lower at £1022132. □ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street drifted in cautious trading, still on edge after the sell-off on Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average at midday was down 10.69 points

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# Petfood looks tasty

IT IS not hard to see why Dalgety is in play. Corporate financiers will not have had to expend much brainpower to work out that; despite the frequent profit warnings and low rating, there is value in brands such as Felix and Winalot. But it is a big step from there to taking the plunge and bidding for the whole

The problem is that any break-up bidder would have to be prepared to pay well over EI billion up front. To do this, they would have to be confident that they had committed buyers for all the various. ill-fitting parts of the group. This is where the difficulty will lie.

In the circumstances, few potential buyers are going to make any promises until they have been able to get inside the company they are interested in buying to have a good look around. The most obvious candidate to buy

the petfood business would be Nestle. It is a poor third in the European petfoods market, and would love to get its hands on the Felix catfood brand in particular.

Equally, Associated British Foods would be an obvious buyer of the ingredients business. although monopoly considerations would make it impossible for it to buy the flourmilling side.

. The current Dalgety management is promising some action to accompany the outcome of a strategic review when it posts its preliminary results next month. This will probably be the last chance to convince the market that it is on the right track.

Otherwise, despite the difficulties, someone is likely to take a deep breath and offer upwards of 300p a share. That makes Dalgety a speculative buy at the current level.

#### Eurodollar

IT SEEMS to be an unwritten rule of the UK stock market that leasing and rental companies must always disappoint their investors. Another is that these businesses will eventually end up-in the hands of the Americans, who appear to have more of a liking for the peculiar risks involved.

Eurodollar has performed true to form, though its record is positively impressive when measured alongside Central Transport Rental (nee Tiphook), the trailer leasing company currently being swept up by GE Capital. Eurodollar's share-holders are being rescued by Republic Industries, a fastgrowing American group. Eurodollar, which arrived

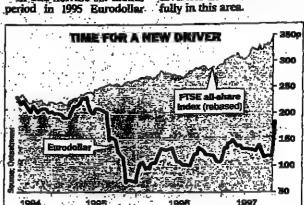
on the market only one year after a management buyout from TSB, would insist that

ss is very different from the longer term nature of leasing: The fact remains that the company was blown off course not by the problems of the car rental market. per se, but by the collapse in

the prices it could command for its used vehicles. In one horrific six month

its short-term car rental busi- issued three profits warnings, first promising to maintain its dividend payment and then cutting it anyway. The shares have never fully recovered.

This problem of residual asset values raises its head again and again. Short of investing in GE Capital, investors need to tread care-



#### Ladbroke

LADBROKE is often thought of more for its bid potential than for the fundamental strength of its underlying business. Yet in the past bid rumour after bid rumour has been shot down in flames.

These days, a punt on the gaming-to-Hilton hotels group looks far less risky. The announcement that it has won a precious new casino licence in London the first awarded since 1988 is just the latest evidence that management is estab-lishing a business with

strong growth potential. its interim results at the end of this month are expected to impress, with pre-tax. I NOM E/28 MIL lion to £99 million and earnings per share jumping from 4.6p to 6.3p. Its betting shops are reaping the benefit of the popularity of numbers games such as Lucky Choice and 49's, while Hilton Inter-

to higher room rates. It continues to develop a sound casino business (it recently signed a letter of intent to acquire Colorado's largest operator) and a bid for London's Capital Corporation, which recently escaped the clutches of London Clubs thanks to Margaret Beckett, would get a good reception

from the market. With its US partner, Hilton Hotels Corporation, waiting in the wings to take an initial 5 per stake Ladbroke looks well worth a flutter.

#### Sinclair Montrose

THE launch of a walk in doctor's surgery at London's Victoria, station helped Sinchair Montrose Healthcare to make a promising debut on AIM last summer. Floated at 140p, its shares are now at 262p.

the Victoria Medicentre running close to capacity at £36 per consultation, and a second one just opened at Enston, Sinclair. Montrose is raising £6.6 mil-

lion to finance further openings, it plans 24 Medicentres by the end of next year, including one next door to a Sheffield Sainsbury's.

Unfortunately, ambitions will fall by almost a third this year to about £600,000. Sinclair Montrose offers a more encouraging "illustrative projection" — something less than a forecast, apparently— that shows it making a £2.2 million profit on hugely in-creased sales of £30 million.

The management has a sound record helping the NHS to meet staff shortages. of nurses and other staff. But the risks of this latest venture are indicated by the 200p price the company has had to accept for its placing shares. The company is changing

fast and still has an appetite for more acquisitions and, horror of horrors, expanding into North America. Interesting, but the shares are for be-

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Sighs of relief follow the crash that wasn't Mention be weath it is a special to the second of the seco sea yesterday as the market ignored weekend speculation that London share prices were about teritorie francisco to be blown away by Friday's big fall on Wall Street. The market didn't crash, maybe because many of the investment managers who might turn bearish are actually on holiday. But while the priver up to the control of t

But while the FISE 100 index havers at about 5,000, few seem to think it will stay there. The confection seems to be constantly around the corner.

Research from Mentill Lynch gave more ammonition to the bears. In a survey carried out a day before the survey carried out a day before the latest quarter point rate, rise, UK fund managers said they expected base rates to be at 7.4 per cent a year from now. Only a quarter said UK economic activity would be stronger in 12 months' time, with buyers of gitts outnumbering sellers by 22 per cent. On a three-month view, the survey saves fund managers are expect-

ing a fall in almost all the world's.

equity markets. Few are saying how much of a fall they expect. Temple-

Christine Buckley

on the latest

battle of the

rumbustious

chairman of

United Utilities

ir Desmond Pitcher

struggles for his corporate

sional Merseysider has leapt

into the ring against company chiefs and top politicians with-out flinching, but this time the man dubbed "king of the fat

cats" is taking on the weight of the City establishment and the

Institutional shareholders

have become increasingly un-

happy that United seems noth-

ing more than a corporate toy

in the steely grip of a chairman.

who will not share power.

Their muttered uneasiness

demands for change after the

peremptory sacking of Brian Staples as chief executive last

month. The chances are that,

even if Sir Desmond remains

executive chairman tonight, he

will have had to concede that

he will depart somewhat soon-

er than the retirement date of

But shareholders should not

have been surprised by Sir

Desmond's difficulty over

sharing power. As chief execu-

tive of Littlewoods, he was not

entirely thrilled with the ap-

pointment as chairman of

John Clements, then chairman

of Unigate: Clements had

As recently as last week, Sir.

Desmond was confident that

he could see off the latest

challenge to his supremacy.

Resisting calls to elaborate on

Mr Staples's departure and institute changes in the United

Utilities organisation, he told

The Times: "When we come to

the half-year results, the mat-

ter will be over. " He seriously

underestimated the scale of

the City's concern, and United

2000 he had set for himself.

odds are against him.

future at United Utilities. During his controversial career, the 62 year old profes-

enjoys a fight. Today, he will be in truly puglistic mode as he

A growing band of investors expects the growling bear to emerge and bite those still in equities. Adam Jones reports

ton Investment Management, the Bernada investor, has tracked bull and bear markets since 1954, using the MSCI World Index, extrapolating backwards for periods not covered by this type of measurement.

It says the average bear market decline has been about 20 per cent. The average total appreciation during a buil market is 100 per cent this is almost exactly the difference between today and the start of the current bull run in October 1990. The averages have been skewed by the short, sharp rises and falls of the 1980s, boom-bust stories that are likely to be seen by future genera-tions as anomalous in their scale

because of the rich fuel provided by

the fall of Communism and the

awakening of China as a modern

trading giant. Templeton's message

is that the bears have been tarner than the popular consciousness re-members, and that they are all smoothed out in the long run, which is often shorter than it seems. Dr Sandy Nairn, who conducted

the research, says there is still good

value to be found in UK manufactur-

ing stocks, under a cloud because of the strength of the pound. There are many who still believe in the bear's bite. Changes in Gordon Brown's first Budget, such as the ab-olition of tax credits on dividends, have left them even more convinced that the correction will be nasty. Given the unwanted celebrity experienced by Tony Dye, of Phillips & Drew

Fund Management, who put 15 per cent of clients' money into cash two-

and-a-half-years ago and has seen

the markets rise without him, they

'King of the fat cats' prepares

are understandably much less keen to pop their heads above the parapet. Yesterday, one fund manager at the forefront of the "dash for cash" said: "The markets are incredibly overvalued. We can't say when the psychology is going to change, how-ever." He added that the turnover in the US during recent periods of anxiety had been too big to be

branded silly-season behaviour.

nother publicity-shy invest-ment chief at a leading British asset manager was less pessimistic, saying he expects the FTSE to be below 5,000 by the end of the year. Elsewhere, George Hodgson, UK market strategist at SBC Warburg. says he thinks fair value for the FTSE is 4,650, implying a fall of about 10 per cent at current levels.

but he would not be drawn on when. After the easing of yesterday's fears, he said: "Almost all London-based analysts have been surprised at how relaxed the US markets have been about the inflationary pressures." Nikko Europe is advocating a re-

turn to value investing - buying shares on their underlying strengths rather than their perceived momenturn. It believes any correction would not be large enough to spark a bear market, even if the drop was into double figures in percentage terms. John Betteridge, head of invest-ment strategy at Prudential Corporation, believes the FTSE is likely to be

around the current level at the end of the year, with continuing volatility over the next few months. The Pru has not materially changed

its investment policy recently. Al-though Mr Betteridge says overvalua-tion is rife, he believes value can be found in UK property and small coma gradual slowdown in markets rather than an abrupt correction.

#### BUSINESS LETTERS

#### Opting for tax credits could offer viable way of controlling inflation

From Mr M. Donald Bishop Sir, This letter outlines 2 case for controlling inflation directly by tax credits rather than indirectly by the Bank of England's imposed bank

We are told that Govern-

ment has only two instru-ments for controlling inflation - taxation and interest rates. For policy reasons the first is not in play. The second, in my opinion, is less than satisfactory. The effect of higher interest rates must be severely lagged, the pound strengthened and, conse-quently, exports stilled and imports promoted. Inevitably, investment and employ-ment will fall. Inflation apart, all these consequences run counter to declared Government policy.

If taxation is not an option, consumer spending could be tackled by a system akin to "post-war credits". This, if I recall aright, took the form

personal taxation, which then formed deferred interest-bearing tax credits. These were intended to be gradually released as tax credits when the economy needed to be stimulated, with arrangements to cope with changes in the circumstances of individual taxpayers.

Such a tactic would have

several advantages apart from actually tackling excess consumer spending. The machinery is already in place; the surcharge would be progressive and not bear on the less well-off; there would be no upward pressure on sterling; exports and investment would be relatively safeguarded: the pubtic sector borrowing requirement would have a temporary respite.

Disadvantages? 1 can think of none. Yours faithfully M. DONALD BISHOP, Castle Hill House. Castle Street.

#### Time for corporate rethink by Lloyd's

From Mr Oliver Carruthers Sir. You have quite properly reported about the losses of Lloyd's Syndicate 657 and the distress that the loss has caused to the corporate investment trusts New London Capital, HCG and Benfield & Rea, each a publicly quoted company and each reaching for advice as to how the pain might be alleviated. Long-suffering names at Lloyd's, particularly those

who are members of the High Premium Group, have consistently warned of the possible volatile nature of the new corporate investment in Lloyd's. The recently reported 1994 results, the first year when corporate show that it is not the names

who are voicing their com-plaint about loss in a litigious manner, rather it is the new wave of corporate invesnames' rights were trimmed. new corporate capital — said to be more discerning and understanding - was intro-

Lloyd's is very accustomed to thinking again, and now might be a suitable time to reconsider the virtues of supporting that form of capi-tal which has kept and saved

Yours faithfully. OLIVER CARRUTHERS. Executive Secretary, High Premium Group. Wheatsheaf House,

#### Rebate rise crucial to pensioning off Serps

From the Group Corporate Affairs Director, Standard

Sir, We agree that any serious attempt by the Government to review pension provisions should involve phasing out Serps. The benefits originally intended to be provided through Serps have been drastically reduced in value over the stood by the public - what does 20 per cent of lifetime average revalued "middle tier" earnings provide? --but could mislead many into thinking that the Serps benefit will provide the retirement income that they need. In the short term the Gov-

ernment faces the additional

current level of contractingout rebate is increased, the best advice to the majority of the six million employees who have left Serps will be to contract back in. (This foilows the reduction in likely benefits as a result of the withdrawal of advance corporate tax credit for pension funds).

problem that, unless the

ment will not wish to start its review of pension provision with everyone back in Serps? Yours faithfully, T. R. KING, Group Corporate Affairs

Director. Standard Life House, 30 Lothian Road. Edinburgh.

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# to confront power of the City

Sir Desmond Pitcher has long thrived in a hostile busineses environment but today's confrontation may see him forced to give ground

is now responding to an emergency in which Sir Peter Middleton, the BZW chairman and senior United nonexecutive, has acted as a conduit for investor anger.

Sir Desmond said last week that there would be no further information for investors until November. "We don't believe it is in his [Mr Staples's] interests or the company's to give an explanation that would lead to speculation and comment and debate." Now his hand has been forced.

Hostility is an environment in which he thrives. As the public fury over "fat-cat" sala-ries for utility chiefs reached a ideas about his role that went beyond the merely nominal. They, and he, did not survive crescendo, Sir Desmond remained unperturbed. He gave short shrift to the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee when they raised concerns about the soaring

level of executive pay. His words and unabashed attitude came to haunt him at a rumbustious annual meeting last year. A parade of fat cats disrupted the Manchester meeting and it was lan McCartney, now Industry Minister, who dubbed Sir Desmond king of the fat cats. Plans for the executive directors to reward themselves with a long-term incentive scheme that offered bonuses of up to 87 per cent of already high salaries was deemed beyond the what might be termed proper. Pressure forced them to mod-erate the scheme.

Nevertheless Sir Desmond, who has a basic salary of E310,000, has earned more than £1.8 million in pay, bonuses and other benefits in under four years at the company, which started as North West Water and then became United after the takeover of Norweb, the electricity busi-

ness, two years ago. Anger over pay reached frightening proportions a couple of months ago when Sir Desmond became the victim of a firebomb attack on his mansion in Cheshire. The police reported a caller who claimed responsibility for the attack as saying: "All of the fat

cats are terrorist targets". The thrice-married Sir Desmond, who has another home in Surrey and a £500,000 yacht moored in the Mediterranean, has remained defiant.

After last month's annual

meeting he said he couldn't understand the fuss about executive pay. He had, after pay in his previous corporate life. He could have carried more if he had stayed at Littlewoods, the pools, retail and mail order business where he became known as Mr Merseyride.

pinion is divided on the achievements of his decade running that business he did much to bring it up to date but failed to make its stores into effective competitors on the high street. And his contribution is now tarnished by the messy legal battles over its Far

Eastern operations. Sir Desmond has denied all allegations but with court hearings not expected until 1999, it is a while before he can lay that matter to rest. If the action proves successful Sir Desmond could face a claim for damages from the company he left nearly four years ago but remained on the board as a non-executive member

until two years ago. As James Ross is now finding, running a family-

owned firm, particularly one with a tendency to internecine warfare, can be tricky. Sir Desmond survived for so long by playing a shrewd political game. Critics say he is as much a politician as a businessman. Without ever stand-ing for election, the man from a Knotty Ash council estate has become a major figure in public life in Merseyside. Knighted in 1992 for services to Liverpool, he has involved himself in a number of local enterprises, ranging from the arts to a directorship at Everton Football Club. He is also one of the many nonexecutive directors of Nat-West, another organisation where investors have been

voicing qualms over the man-Several colleagues from the Mersey scene sit alongside him on the board of United. He has chaired the Merseyside Development Corporation for the past six years and it has occasioned some comment that Eric Clark, a nonexecutive director at MDC, is also chairman of United's remuneration committee. But

Sir Desmond has blithely

ignored any carping and continued to enjoy his role as a public figure. He had hoped for a high-profile job in the public sector and apparently volunteered to be chairman of British Rail before Sir Bob Reid got the job. The chair-manship of a major utility struck him as being in a similar league, and it was the chairmanship of North West that persuaded him to leave Littlewoods in 1993, with the comment that this was a company big enough for him

The company has now grown into the much larger United Utilities but it was only a short time after Sir Desmond's arrival that Bob Thien, then chief executive, was walking out of the door, the first victim of Sir Desmond's difficulties over power-sharing. When Mr Staples was recruited as his successor Sir Desmond welcomed him as someone who could work in a team. Industry and investment sources have no doubt that Mr Staples could have worked in a

They certainly doubt Sir-Desmond's ability to do so.

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## Yve of new era

YVE NEWBOLD, the former Hanson company secretary turned headhunter, has broken down another staunchly male bastion, appointing the first woman to the board of Dixons, the electrical retailer which enjoys the odd run-in with the Office of Fair Trading. Newbold, who runs Proned, part of Egon Zehnder, spent months tracking down the ideal candidate, and came up trumps with Karen Cook, a merchant banker at Schroders. With an MBA from Manchester

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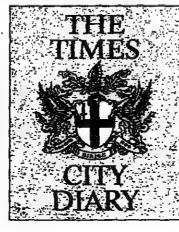


ceeding Sir Derek Hornby. Cook, 43, is a mother of six, inviting comparisons with that other career-oriented working mother. Nicola Horlick. Newbold, who is keen to see more women in the boardroom, says Cook wowed the Dixons board. The great thing about her is that she is in no way, shape or form a token appointment. Today's chairmen are looking for balance on the board, but they are not looking for the token woman any more. Karen really punched her weight with the candidates."

 ONGOING luggage chaos at Heathrow. A senior banking executive, arriving from Hong Kong with British Airways at the weekend, had to stand around for an hour with his wife and young daughters while their cases made the epic journey from the hold to the luggage carousel. Bags belonging to first class passengers were trundling off last. Elsewhere, a reader calls from the Edinburgh Festival to say he is still waiting for his nine pieces of luggage to catch up with him — three days after arriving in the UK.

## Firm fun

Yve Newbold has broken down WILD bunch, lawyers. First Biddle & another staunchly male bastion Co, led by the trendsetting Martin



Winter, takes over half of Thorpe Park for its annual waterski day, complete with marquees and bouncy castles. Now, word reaches me of raucous merry-making at Olswang, based in London's Covent Garden, and singled out as "the small firm for the 21st century" in this year's newly published Legal 500.

Last week, clients of the firm's property group turned up for a Caribbean evening on the roof, complete with palm trees, raffia sunshades, exotic food and drink, and a steel band, Partners were suitably clad in garish is-

Not to be outdone, the firm's litigation group will be attempting to go one stage better on Thursday with a Casablanca evening - complete with Moorish architecture, Rick's Cafe, sunny day was entirely coincidental.

and a piano player. Round up the usu-

#### For richer...

THE penny has yet to drop at Euro-Dollar, the car rental firm which is set to be taken over by Republic Industries of America, in an agreed £95 mil-lion cash deal. It emerges that Steve Westoby, group finance director, had the foresight to register a large chunk of his shares in the name of his wife a fact that has so far been missed by the wives of the other EuroDollar directors. The fortunate Mrs W holds 500,000 shares, worth £950,000 at the offer price of 190p per share. "It's a tax planning thing," says Ian Mosley, chief executive, adding: "My wife hasn't twigged yet." Dinner tonight should be interesting.

#### Solar power

ications, publisher of What Investment and other lofty titles, which slaved on against the odds after losing all power to its offices - just as the

magazine was going to print.
As hacks stared in frustration at their blank screens, the advertising team, led by Adam Braggs, sales executive, retreated to the roof with their mobile phones. "We took some chardonnay and a wine cooler, and a few bits of paper," says Braggs, who insists the fact that it was a brilliant

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## Rodney Hobson assesses the response to the Green Paper on a '£20 billion scandal'

## The chase is on after late payers

on late payments has produced a mixed response from small business organisations. The Forum of Private Business has stepped up its campaign for statutory interest: the Federation of Small Businesses has promised to help to make the proposals work; the Small Business Bureau will ask for the timetable to be slowed down.

Barbara Roche, the Small Firms Minister, has proposed that small businesses should be able to claim statutory interest against all large firms, including public sector organisations, as soon as legislation is on the statute book.

After two years small firms would be able to claim against each other, but it would be a further two years before large firms were able to claim against small ones. Com-panies will not be allowed to put a clause in their contracts overruling the legal provisions.

The forum welcomed moves to solve what it called the UK's £20 billion late payment scandal.

Nick Goulding, head of policy, said: "This is a victory for the grassroots business owners who have traditionally been the victims of late payment simply because there was no effective redress available to them.

Framed properly, we believe that a statutory right to interest could change the late payment culture without most businesses even knowing of its existence. Late payers would never know which or how many suppliers might collect interest or when. This would make late payment a very dangerous and

The forum is concerned that the proposed level of interest payments, 4 per cent over base rates, might be too low to act as a meaningful deterrent.

The federation is also likely to ask Mrs Roche to tinker with her proposals. Its trade and industry committee is considering its response to the Green Paper. David Hands, at the federation's parlia-

lem, but it is going to be introduced and we have got to welcome it and make it work. We feel it will not in itself change the culture of late payment. We will monitor how the legislation works in the first couple

John May, Small Business Bureau policy co-ordinator, also feels that the legislation should be reviewed after the first two years. He fears that large businesses will have the computer systems to send out demands, while small ones will be unable to catch up with paper work until the end of the month.

He said: "Research done so far does not convince us. We would prefer bigger businesses to say what their payment terms are and to put in their annual reports what their record is."

He also fears that small businesses will find their workload increased as they send out extra

He added: "Why don't we treat the first two years as a pilot? We have got to try to educate small businesses to be more efficient in sending invoices out."

The bureau welcomes the ban on contracting out of obligations to pay interest, which, he says, "indicates to large businesses that the Government is serious in tackling the delay in payments".

He adds: "The Green Paper is

good as a discussion document and it shows the Government is determined to help the small business sector, but I'm worried that at the end of the day it may only help large businesses. Small businesses put their bills into the computer at the end of the month and do not pay until the end of the following month, so they will often take longer than 30 days to pay their suppliers. Legislation might double or treble the accountancy work of small businesses. It is that kind of time that small business does not



Keith Wiffen's experience puts him in favour of the statutory right to interest on late payments

## Case of payment, one year: late, by stuffed envelope

written to Barbara Roche, the Small Firms Minister, telling her the story of how he pursued a late payment for more than a year.

The chase ended the day before a court hearing, when he drove 40 miles to collect several hundred pounds stuffed into an envelope.

Keith Wiffen set up as an independent energy consultant after taking early retirement from one of the privatised electricity companies. He advises businesses on energy cost savings, taking a flat fee or a percentage of the savings as his reward.

In June last year he billed a client for £500, including VAT, for advice given and listing savings that the client would make year ifter year. Two letters, follow-up client's office over the next few months brought no response. Mr Wiffen said. By April he resorted reluctantly to the county court, claiming £900 including interest and expenses.

Wiffen received a telephone call offering to settle the original invoice. Mr Wiffen, concerned that a cheque might not arrive before the court hearing and could bounce, suggested a compromise figure, higher than the original

invoice, but lower than the court claim to be paid in cash. He said: "I, know from experience there has to be a com We all have to give a bit. I jumped

into my car, drove almost 40 miles

plain brown envelope bulging with notes and coins. Thank goodness the rest of the business I deal with do pay, sometimes with just a little prodding."

His view of the statutory right to interest on late payment is that if a company knew it was going to be punished, just that thought alone might be enough to get it to pay within a reasonable time.

His letter to Mrs Roche concludes: The annoying part of this saga is that the defendant's company has, I guess, assets running into several million pounds with, no doubt, a six-figure annual profit. I look forward to my recurring nightmares and those of other small businesses coming to an end at long last."

## Statutory right to interest could backfire on firms

tory right to interest on late payments will backfire on small businesses. Two new surveys have

restated the warning.

Office World, in its quarterly small business survey, claims that only 37 per cent of small business owners would enforce their right to interest, while 38 per cent said they would not. A quarter are

Simon Fox, managing director, aid: "Previous surveys have consistently put late-payment legisla-tion at the top of most small business owners agenda yet their reaction to the current plan is less than enthusiastic. There are various reasons why a statutory right. to charge interest may not be a sufficient deterrent to late payment. Some small firms may fear that implementing it will upset customers and they will lose business. Others may see the cost, in time and administration, exceeding the

and administration, exceeding the value of interest charged."

A study of the sales ledgers of more than 900,000 businesses has shown that large organisations are by far the slowest to pay bills, Experian, the business information company formerly known as CCN,

However, a new law giving the right to charge interest on accounts paid late would not help small businesses, the study concluded. - . This evidence against the pro-posed legislation will be put to the

A small enterprise would be reluctant to demand interest from a late-paying large company that gives it a big slice of its business for ear of losing the custom, said Peter Brooker, an Experian director.

Large companies also have the muscle to negotiate long payment periods but are able to impose 30day terms on small operators.

The analysis revealed that on

average large companies take more than 72 days to settle, medium-sized companies nearly 67 days, and small businesses about 53

Mr Brooker pointed out that many large companies pay late because of their bureaucracy. Pur-

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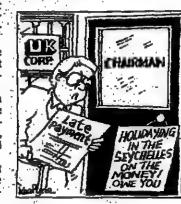
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so Mr Brooker recommended small businesses to send out bills to arrive before the end of the month. His main advice, however, was to check a potential customer's creditworthiness and payment record and refuse to supply goods on credit if there was a problem. Ray Ruffels, managing director of Equifax Business Solutions, the computer group, takes a similar line. He said: "A smaller business that faces financial collapse if a big customer delays payment is still wary of damaging its business relationship with such an important source of income. Imposing interest on the overdue debt does not solve this dilenuna. Only if charging interest were a universal process would every supplier be competing on a level platform. There is also the very real danger of smaller businesses being squeezed

between suppliers and customers."

Mr Ruffels fears that disputes will arise over when, or even whether, involves were received. However, he conceded: "The new egislation is geared to supporting the principle of fairness within

business practice. Therefore, if nothing else, the Bill will encourage big companies to look more closely at their relationship with creditors and for this reason should



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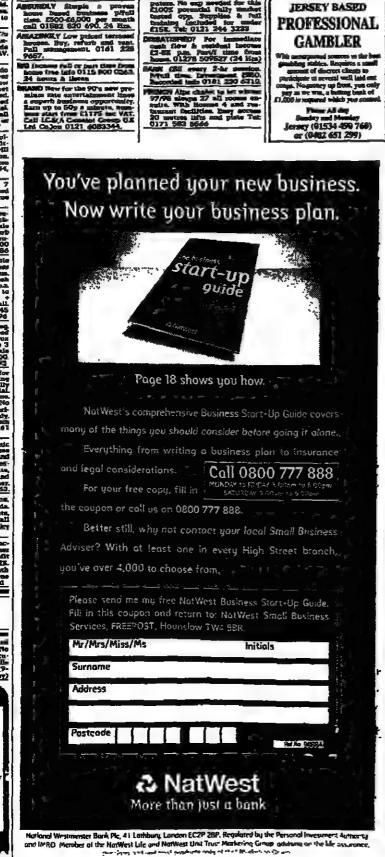
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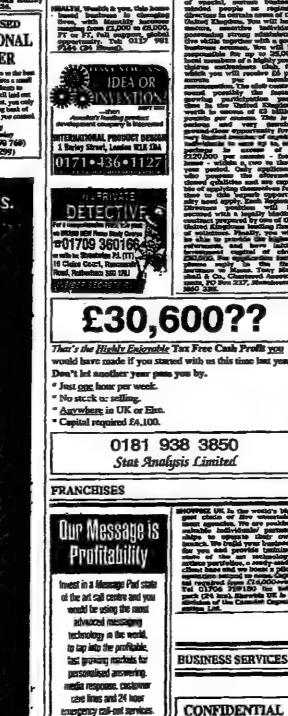
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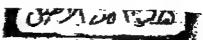
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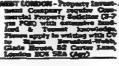
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medical research; that a per-

son's dead body cannot be

done and for how much do the wishes of the deceased count?

in 1884 a judge ruled that disposal need not be by inter-

ment but could be by crema-

tion, implicit in this was that disposal could be by other.

unspecified, methods. The Public Health Act-1984

empowers the Home Secre-

disposal other than burial,

cremation, embalming and preservation, in the interests of public health or safety. Here is

statutory recognition that these are not the only lawful

means. No regulations have

been made. A local authority

discharging a statutory duty of disposing of a body must bury

or cremate it. Probably all that is required of anyone else is that they deal with it decently

and do not obstruct a coroner or cause a public nuisance or

hazard to public health. It

need not be got rid of.
What is dealing with it

decently? The answer is found

with difficulty — in vague common law offences. There

may be an offence of mutilat-

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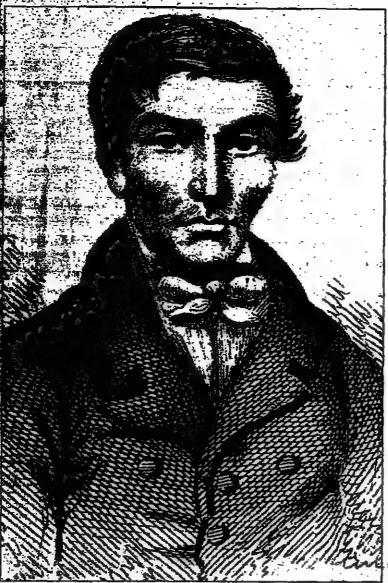
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The notorious bodysnatchers Burke and Hare operated in Edinburgh: Burke was hanged in 1829 for a series of murders, but Hare gave King's evidence

# Drawn and hung — or decently quartered?

An artist has been charged with stealing body thony-Noel Kelly, a sculptor, later this parts. But the laws surrounding disposal of month for allegedly steeling body parts has occasioned a deal of misinforma-tion about what may be done human remains are vague, says Stephen White

with dead bodies.

Journalists have written reating a corpse with indignitiant the Anatomy Scr 1994 by neither it nor any other of makes it an offence to use body fence is committed, according suitable for controlling the parts for anything other than to a former Director of Public spread of disease.

The claim is suspect. "Suitable body given for medical retrained in accordance with the decreased wishes. Apart from

Prosecutions, by a necrophiliac, even if he is a hospital body in a hospital mortuary.

for medical research. Outraging public decency definitely is an offence. Artistic given in a will; and that bodies requesthed for artistic purposes have to be registered under the Anatomy Act at a intent is no defence. This was established when the Court of Appeal upheld the conviction-When a person dies, some-one is obliged to "dispose" of their body. How may this be of an artist who exhibited a sculpture of a mannequin's

People are surprised at how lacking in legal force are their their dead bodies. Private Member's Bills introduced in 1981, 1995 and 1996 would have

made them binding. If there is an offence of treating a corpse with indignity, the deceased's wishes may have to be regarded in determining whether the



Anthony-Noel Kelly with his controversial work

head wearing earrings made from human embryos. The element of public decency in the offence will, if not admitted by a defendant, be determined

When Robert Lenkiewicz embalmed the body of a hobo friend for a souvenir, the local council tried to capture it to dispose of it. The Public Health (Control of Disease) Act requires a local authority to do this if "stitable arrange-ments" have not been made for a body's disposal. As the council reportedly agreed that the corpse posed no risk to health, it was apparently claiming to supervise deceasey.

treatment is undignified. Lord Avebury was reported to carry a donor card recording his wish that the remnants of his body, after dissection for transplantation, be fed to the immates of the Battersea Dogs Home. Without such a wish, it is difficult to envisage that treating a body thus would not be regarded as offering indignities to it, though in a nation of animal lovers such as ours it would be no surprise if any resulting prosecution were for

cruelty to the dogs. The Anatomy Act provides some guarantee that one's obsequial wishes will be implemented. The remnants of a

likely that he or she will be doing so for any of those purpases. This may be why an offence under the Act was not among those deployed against the minister. His bodies had not been donated for "anatomical examination; and whatever he was up to, it was not the study of morphology.

ceased's wishes. Apart from

this, the most one can do le

gally to ensure that one's body

is treated in a particular way i

to make all the legacies in one's will conditional upon it.

voured when fear of prema-ture burial was more

widespread than it is now: leg-acies were made conditional

upon bloodletting clauses being observed. If a person has

stated that they do not wish their body to be used for

medical purposes, their wish must be observed. The same

used to apply to cremation; but

not now, except when a local authority discharges a statu-

obliged to implement the de-ceased's wishes. Provided the

leceased did not object, the body may be given over for

medical use; the deceased need not have expressed a wish for this to happen, whether in a

will or otherwise, though if they have not, their spouse or

relatives can prevent it. It was

otherwise under the original

be unlawful, whatever the deceased's wishes, but if, in us-

ing the corpse, the artist com-mitted an offence, it might be-

come unlawful as an aiding

and abetting. Such a donation.

however, does not have to be registered under the Anatomy

Act even if the artist will be

The Act prohibits unlicensed

natomical examinations" and eriminalises unlicensed pos-session of bodies given over for "anatomical examination" (an

examination "by dissection ...

for the purpose of teaching or

studying, or researching into, morphology"). Even if the artist is "examining" the body and do-ing so by dissection. it is un-

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partitioning the body.

s for donating a body for artistic purposes, the mere act of do-

nation is unlikely to

ory duty of disposal. This apart, a person who has the body is not legally

This technique was fa-

## How to judge a human rights Bill

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The Government intends to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law. There are overwhelming arguments for doing so in order to provide an effective domestic remedy for grievances being addressed in Strasbourg and on whose outcome the English judiciary is having little influence. Much more difficult is the decision on the model which incorporation should adopt.

There is no dispute that the convention should govern the application of the common law, judicial discretion and the powers of the executive. The sensitive question is the extent to which judges should be given power to en-sure that primary legislation complies with the convention. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, is chairman of a Cabinet committee considering this and other problems, with a view to publishing a White Paper in

There are four main options. The strongest would be to enact a provision comparable to Section 2 of the European Communities Act, so that "any enactment passed or to be passed" by Parliament must "be construed and have effect subject to" the convention. On this page last month, Ben Emmerson and John Wadham advanced powerful arguments for the adoption of this model to ensure that rights conferred by the convention have full force and effect in the United Kingdom.

The second option would be to follow the relevant provision of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which empowers the court to grant a

remedy against a statutory provision, unless the legislature has overridden fundamental rights, by expressly stating that the relevant provision has force and effect, notwithstanding the charter. The third, and weakest, option is contained in the badly drafted New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. Legislation, whether enacted before or after that Act, takes priority when it cannot be construed consistently with the Bill of

Rights.

The inadequacies of this model led to the fourth option, designed by Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC, in his 1996 Human Rights Bill, incorporating the convention, which was approved by the House of Lords. To the extent that prior legislation cannot be construed consistently with the convention, the former would be impliedly repealed. That is the normal approach to inconsistent statuis the normal approach to inconsistent statutory provisions. The court would strive to interpret consistently with the convention any statutory provision enacted after the Human Rights Act, but if this proved impossible, then no remedy could be granted by the English

should we perpetuate an inadequacy of the present system, with parliamentary sovereignty trumping human rights, leaving vic-tims to catch the slow plane to Strasbourg where they may, if they have the stamina, establish their remedy four or five years later?

Bill should provide the framework for the new legislation. The first is that it is more likely that a Human Rights Act will be enacted and will become a permanent and successful feature of British law if the Bill avoids conferring supreme power on judges over Parliament. The senior judiciary gave overwhelming support to Lord Lester's Bill-but expressed concern at the prospect of granting remedies to overturn subsequent statutory provisions. There also remains a large body of opinion in the House of Commons which is opposed to conferring such broad powers on judges.

The second reason for preferring Lord Lester's model is that it is unnecessary to adopt a purist approach that changes the constitutional re-lationship between judges and Parliament. Assume that, after the adoption of a Hu-man Rights Act, Parliament were to enact a statutory provision which is alleged to breach fundamental rights. The judges would decide whether fundamental rights are at stake, and, if so, would strive to interpret the statute

those rights. If that could not be achieved, and if a conflict arose, the applicant would obtain no remedy, but would have the judges' opinion that the statutory provision

breached fundamental rights. The Government and Parliament would know that unless something were done about the matter very speedily, the applicant would have an unanswerable case in Strasbourg. The Human Rights Act should confer delegated power on ministers to amend subsequent egislative provisions found to be in breach of fundamental rights and to pay compensation to victims.

Of course, ministers might ignore the judicial opinion. But whatever option is adopted, Parliament could respond to an adverse ruling by enacting new legislation that overrules the Human Rights Act in relation to a specific issue.

Our Human Rights Act should adopt a model appropriate for the UK. If it does so, it is most likely speedily to gain public, political and judicial support, and so perform effectively its task of protecting fundamental freedoms. • The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford.

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# Children of genocide

ore than 2,000 boys and 80 girls are about to stand trial for genocide related crimes in Rwan-- but is justice possible in a system with more than 110,000 cases?

Graça Machel, who reported on the impact of war on children to the United Nations in 1996, is very clear that international standards of juvenile justice must always be upheld: The dilemma of dealing with children who are accused of committing acts of genocide illustrates the complexity of balancing culpability, a community's sense of justice and the best interests of the child. The severity of the crime involved, however, provides no justification to suspend or to abridge the fundamental rights and legal safeguards accorded to children under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child."

The juvenile trials starting in Rwanda this month demonstrate the huge practical problems in applying the

Machel approach. In July 1994 the justice system was non-existent. Prisons and jails were empty, court offices ransacked. Most judges and court staff had either been killed or sought refuge across the border. Yet soon after, large-scale arrests of people implicated in the genocide began and have continued

Marie Staunton reports on the

unprecedented problem involving juveniles that is facing a war-ravaged African state

motorcycles and cars to carry out

Anyone aged between 14 and 18 at

the time of the alleged offence will be indicted under Rwanda's Genocide

Act, which reflects the Genocide Con-

vention. However, there have been few

judges to try their cases. Recruiting

udges has been difficult, not least

because the wages are low - \$100 a

month, the equivalent of a maid's

salary. In accordance with internation-

al standards, the Rwandan Govern-

ment agreed to set up special children's

panels. Jens Matthes, a newly qualified

German juvenile lawyer, has spent the last year in Rwanda organising train-

ing courses for judges and prosecutors

on child rights, international juvenile

justice standards and their applicabil-

ity to Rwandan law. The new judges,

who are not lawyers but have all been

educated to high-school standard and

attended a four-month course, will sit

on benches of three in 12 districts. Only

the president of each Specialised

Genocide Chamber in each district will

be a qualified lawyer. Defence lawyers

investigations into juvenile cases.

murders or other serious crimes, either at the instigation of parents or adults or as part of organised gangs.

At first, children were held in the same overcrowded prisons as adults, prey to sexual exploitation and further indoctrination by adults. This not only contravened international legal standards set out in the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the United Nations rules for the protection of children deprived of their liberty, but seriously endangered their wellbeing. So the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) started building six children's prison wings, where most children are now held, an odd move for an organisation usually to be found advocating alternatives to custody.

But not all children have been moved and about 150 under the age of criminal responsibility (which is 14 in Rwanda) at the time of the alleged crimes cannot be released because of the lack of police officers to check dates of birth. The criminal justice system in Rwanda, which had been used to dealing with a few hundred criminal ever since. Among them were children, cases a year, lacked the capacity to many suspected of genocide-related bring the imprisoned juveniles to trial.

are being provided by a Belgian voluntary association. However, under Rwandan law, the defence lawyers are unlikely to be given more than eight days' notice of the trial, to defend clients who face 10 to 30 years' imprisonment if convicted, half the Forty judiciary police inspectors have now been trained and equipped with adult tariff but still a serious sentence.

igel Cantwell, a British expert in the field who has been studying justice for juveniles in post-genocide Rwanda, says that although the Rwandan authorities are starting from zero, they are trying to apply international standards, which are routinely ignored even in wealthier and more developed countries. This month, the prosecution should succeed in at least starting the trials - in the knowledge that their fairness is under scrutiny by UN

Mr Matthes says that the success of the trials is vital for a peaceful future. "Trying to get things done in a country where the infrastructure has been destroyed is often frustrating," he adds. Training staff and setting up structures take a long time, and the problems of juvenile justice are urgent. But the justice system has an important function in reconciling the two ethnic groups and overcoming the legacy of

The author is a solicitor and the deputy executive director of United (UK).

## When privilege is a valid defence

Patrick Milmo, QC, on an Australian libel ruling

The recent decision of the High Court of Australia (July 8, 1997) in (David) Lange v the Australian Broadcasting Corporation has quickly claimed attention here. The case was a libel action

brought in New South Wales by the former Prime Minister of New Zealand over defamatory remarks broadcast about him in Australia. The High Court had to consider whether the plea of privilege as a defence was viable. It held that, in principle, there could be such a defence, because the categories of privilege should be extended to protect a communication made to the public on a government or political matter.

Australian decisions are

respected in English courts. The country's judges are considered sound, perceptive interpreters of the common law with a particular ability to develop and modernise it in a way that is intellectually and jurisprudentially acceptable. What they declare, of course,

the common law of Australia, but the concept of the homogeneity of the common law makes many statements of principle made by Australian courts influential on decisions here.

A murmur likely to become a claniour among media lawyers is that Lange v ABC has shown the path our judges must take on the issue of public-interest privilege. It may be only a matter of time before the High Court pronounces the exis-tence of such privilege, which protects the press from actions brought by politicians or others in public life whom they have attacked. The "repressive restrictions imposed on the media by our outdated libel laws", as the press puts it. will be significantly loosened, or so one might think.

But before editors rush to retrieve stories about politicians they had spiked because of the libel risk, or journalists pick up the trail of some public villainy they had abandoned because of the difficulty of legal proof. some consideration must be given to the qualifications expressed by Australian judges on this extended

defence of privilege. Because publication of the defamatory material would not be confined to a limited number, as it is in most privilege situations, but to tens of thousands or more, and the capacity for damage to the victim was that much greater, it was not sufficient. said Chief Justice Brennan. that the publisher (who might be the writer, editor or broadcaster) should be act-

Many of those in public life attacked by the media will be prepared to join battle

> ing without malice, or in good faith; his conduct must be reasonable, and it is up to him to prove it was.

> What constitutes reasonableness? First, the publisher must establish that he was unaware that the defamatory article was false, and that he did not act recklessly in publishing it. But there are more stringent tests to satisfy. The publisher must have reasonable grounds for believing that the imputation was true and must have taken proper steps, so far as they were reasonably open, to verify the accuracy the material. And the Chief Justice of Australia stated that a publisher's conduct will not, as a rule. be reasonable unless he has sought a response from the person defamed, and pub-

The Australian judges were thus far from adopting the American position — criticism of a public figure is generally immune from legal action unless the person concerned can prove that the publisher knew the allegations to be untrue, a virtually impossible feat. Under this new area of privilege, a newspaper or broadcaster would have to expose for scrutiny all the processes of inquiry that preceded the publication of the report and the complaining politician or public official could be expected to seize upon any oversight, carelessness, misunderstanding or lack of communication In the course of investigative or editorial procedures as dis-qualifying the publishing defendant under the

reasonableness test. No doubt sources could still be protected. but publishers will have to bear in mind that where a source is not disclosed, any incipient scepticism of a jury is likely to be enhanced, and the

prospect of persuading it that the publisher's conduct has been reasonable is correspondingly reduced. It can be envisaged that many of those in public life attacked by the media will be quite prepared to join battle on the issue of whether a newspaper's or broadcaster's conduct was reasonable.

That the Australian judges considered that public-interest privileges must be subject to special conditions is likely to make such a development of the law more compelling to English

If, however, that course is followed, the press should be under no illusions that it would have unrestricted access to the hitherto legally perilous territory of political or public scandal.

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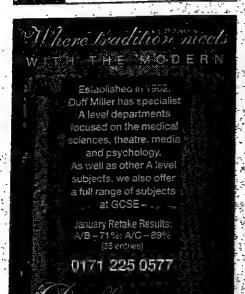
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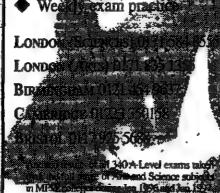
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## **EDUCATION**

Hugh Thompson advises what to do if you don't get the required grades and George Turnbull explains how the standards are set

## Stay ice cool and win the university challenge

system of matching unfilled university places and wannabe students is one of the great unavoidable scrambles of modern British life.

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Square pegs are forced into round holes and desperate students consider unthinkable courses at places they had scarcely heard of Nobody likes the mad rush after the Alevel results which are published on Thursday, but nobody has come up with a

Tens of thousands of students will contact scores of universities and, over the telephone, try to decide their futures. Universities, which try to run their admissions on a controlled and logical basis from October to March, throw caution to the wind and decide, sometimes in seconds, whether the person on the line fits the bill.

For the would be undergraduates there is the problem of getting through on the then making a decision with-out all the discussion, research and thought that went into the original university plan. For the universities there is the problem of trying to make the most sense of what the student is offering, in such a madhouse it pays to obey a few basic ground rules.

Telephone as soon as you know your grades.

Check with your university of first choice; the offer may not be set in stone. They may also be able to offer a less popular, but related, course, . Have your Uses number

ready. The university is linked to that computer and will want Have a clear, but flexible.

sociology is full, would you do social ambropology? If not English literature, how about English language?

Phone personally: there may be supplementary questions about choice or grades. If your grades are way out of your school's prediction. most universities are open to persuasion, but only from your teachers, not parents.

■ Don't in desperation switch your choices from physics to chemistry to religious studies;

Remember part of the seeming anarchy of the situation comes from the marketplace aspect — the laws of supply and demand are dominant. Some courses have much higher requirements because they are much more

Think seriously about whether you should turn down a course because there is no room in a hall of residence. Gap years are usually no problem; places are given for either year. Dr Dick Collins, director of

admissions at Lancaster University, says: "It's an absolutely trantic time; we are receiving something like 1,000 calls a day. To students I say be realistic, there are universities and universities; our average student gets the equivalent of three Bs. However, as else-where in science it is lower. In our top subjects, such as marketing, we are getting 35 applicants for every place.
"Although it's a far from ideal process, our analysis of



bury, says: "You must be organised before the off. It's a

hard one to call since most will

not know they are relying on

the clearing until late. It's

important that you enter the

system with an idea of what

your real bottom line is."

dropouts shows that it's nothing to do with the clearing system and people doing the wrong subjects. Our two bigest reasons for leaving are homesickness and financial

Ironically, given the clear-ing system, lew universities find that A-level grades are great predictors of final degree marks. Commitment and motivation rather than school success are what most tutors put their money on for the better degrees.

Danne Francombe, of the University of the West of England, says: "Don't panic if you haven't quite got the grades specified. We take the

GS SERVICE:

Full listings of degree course vacancies and further advice on clearing will appear in The Times on Thursday



Samantha doing work experience

#### Test examiners' code is firm but fair to all Strict marking A-level and GCSE ex-

aminers allegedly rigging grades may have increased Channel 4's ratings when the Dispatches programme Making the Grades was broadcast some months ago. But it showed little of what actually happens.

The rules for awarding grades are published in mandatory codes of practice and policed by the School Curricuhum and Assessment Authority and Ofsted, the school inspectors. Examiners see the work of an estimated 900,000 students who sit six million GCSEs and A levels each year. Most of the marking is done

within a six-week period. The examination paper is pre-pared 18 months before the examination and cannot be approved without a marking scheme. Together these documents will confirm that the demands made of this year's students are similar to those In previous years.

Care is taken to ensure that the elements of each syllabus its aims and objectives, and its mark weightings for knowledge, understanding, recall and synthesis — are examined fully each year.

criteria ensure

candidates are treated equally

age of 300 papers in three weeks. They must adhere to a rigorously enforced uniform standard that ensures all students are treated equally. An intricate system

checks and double checks is brought into play from the moment the invigilator tells students to "stop writing". Even the checkers are checked. Examiners will meet as a group and mark photocopies of the same scripts, to ensure uniform marking. The original marking scheme will be refined at that meeting and applied, without exception. hereafter.

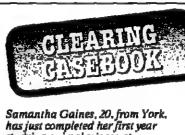
Further samples of each examiner's marking are sent to senior examiners for approval, before any mark sheets and scripts can be returned to the exam board. Extra samples are required thereafter, to ensure that the standard of marking has been maintained throughout. Before the awarding meet

decided, the awarding committee receives marking schemes and papers from the previous year, along with photocopies of students' scripts on various grade boundaries - to ensure that it is familiar with the standards demanded of last year's students. It also receives copies of this year's papers and marking schemes. This year's scripts will be studied at the exam board itself, before and during the grade-awarding meeting. The meetings can

The crucial point is to ensure that the standard required to secure a particular grade is no more or less demanding than in previous years. If more students reach that standard, then more will be awarded that grade. That is why the greater success rates we have seen in the past few years are genuine. It is in nobody's interest for them to be otherwise - with the exception of those in the media who want to make a drama where there is no

last two days or more.

 George Turnbull is director of public relations for the Associated Examining Board and the South-



studying animal science at Nottingham University

I TOOK biology, chemistry and physics A levels, and the first time I did them I got a B and two Cs. I wanted to do veterinary science and needed two As and a B, so I went back to York Sixth Form College for a year.

I resat my A levels, so that in ten years I could say I had done everything possible to become a vet. Unfortunately I had glandular fever in my resit year and got two Bs and a C.

doctor. I knew I had to get on a back-up degree and decided I wanted to do agricultural or animal science. I got the clearing listings and was not bothered where I went, It was the course that was

even though I had a letter from the

I phoned Nottingham on the day of the A-level results. They said they did not see I would have a problem getting in because my grades were higher than their entry requirements.

I got my clearing form on the Friday and took it down on the Monday. They gave me the offer there and then. Clearing worked really well for me because I knew what I wanted to do. I

think it is important to act quickly. Every holiday I work as a veterinary nurse, so although I am not going to be a vet I still have the contact.

I really enjoy the animal nutrition part of the course, advising farmers and vets on diets for the animals. Things was very upset and phoned all five have worked out well for me and I am vet schools but they all turned me down, very happy with the course.



Week two of The Times Challenge of the Mind competition with £10,000 worth of prizes to be won. The competition, to coincide with the first Mind Sports Olympiad, invites you to test your wits. Every day

this week we will set you a number of puzzles to get you thinking. For further details of the Mind Sports Olympiad, at the Royal Festival Hall, London, from August 18 to 24, and how to enter, call 0171-703 2828.

#### £500 GIN RUMMY PROBLEM by Paul Lamford\*

The first of today's puzzles is based on the popular. rummy variant that swept Hollywood in the 1940s and 1950s and became the game of the stars. The origins of rummy are reputed to be in the late 19th-century game of Coon-Can or Conquian, which was very popular with Spanish-Americans in Texas and Mexico and later became known as Knock Rummy: A similar Chinese. game was called Kon Khin. A standard deck of 52 cards is used and the cards rank from king down to ace. Ten cards are dealt to each player. The pack is then placed face down and the top card turned face up as the

start of the discard pile. The

non-dealer may take this

card or decline to take it in

which case the dealer decides

whether he wants it. Each

turn consists of taking one

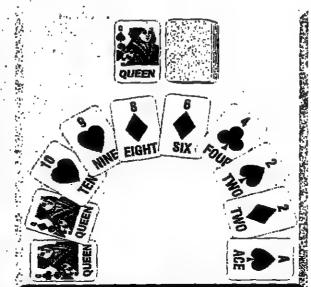
card, either the top of the dis-

card pile or the top card of

the upturned pack, and then discarding one card from the player's hand, which may be the same card as that picked up. The object is to meld as many of the cards in the hand as possible by forming either sequences, eg ¥4; ¥5, ♥6, or groups of matching cards of the same rank, eg . ♦7, €7, ♥7, such that the total of cards not belonging to the meld is 10 points or less, with 10s and court cards counting as 10. When a player achieves this goal, he can knock and his hand is

In today's problem, your hand is as shown and the queen of spades is face up. Your opponent dealt and you pick up the queen of spades. Which card do you discard? a) the 48 b) the •6

c) the \$4 Call 0891 102 728 (ex UK 44 990 200 637) before midnight tonight with your answer,



a, b or c. The winner will get £500 and three runners-up will receive a £50 voucher. donated by Hamleys, for use in its Regent Street or Covent Garden, London, stores.

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#### £500 TWIXT PROBLEM by David Pritchard

Our second puzzle today is based on the game of Twixt, a two-player strategy path-forming board game launched in the US nearly 30 years ago.

The Twixt world championship will be held at the first Mind Sports Olympiad on Tuesday and Wednesday August 19 and 20. (Refer to the 16-page Mind Sports Olympiad supplement, which was free with yesterday's copy of The Times, for

The game is played with pegs on a playing area of 22x22 small holes. A section of the board is shown in the diagram. The two players in turn place a peg of their colour in a vacant hole on the board. Where two pegs of the same colour are a chess-knight's move apart, they are linked thereby forming a barrier that cannot be crossed. In the dia-

gram White is trying to

form a continuous path between the top and bottom of the board, while Black is attempting the same between the left-and righthand sides. Black has just played d5.

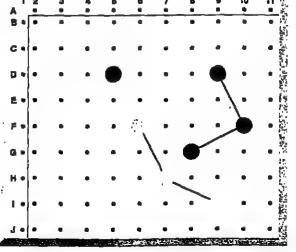
What is White's best move?

**a)** e5

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## £10,000 worth of prizes to be won with Challenge of the Mind

There's two prizes of £100 to be won today with these two ten-minute Mensa teasers. The winners will be chosen at random from all correct entries received by midnight tomorrow. For the Mensa problem, right, call 0891 102 729 (ex UK +44 990 200 638). For the Mensa problem far right, call 0891 102,725 ex K +44 990 200 619). Readers who get two or three of today's Mensa puzzles correct will receive a certificate and a Mensa information pack. "Paul Lainford is a former editor of Games and Puzzles magazine and is commissioning editor of chess and bridge for Batsford Books.

TEN MINUTE MENSA PROBLEM Q1. What number should replace the question mark? 5934 4512 202 Q2. If D) = 40 and FK = 66, what does HQ equal? Q3. Which is the odd word out? NECKLACE BROACH EARRING BRACELET Call 0891 102 729 (ex UK +44 990 200 638). 0891 calls cost 50p per minute

TEN MINUTE MENSA PROBLEM Q1. The numbers in box 1 move clockwise to the positions in the second box. Where should the missing numbers be?

Q2. What word is being described here? A fraud, an imposter, empty talk, a peppermint flavoured sweet

Q3. Six times a number is half the square root of 144. What is that number ?

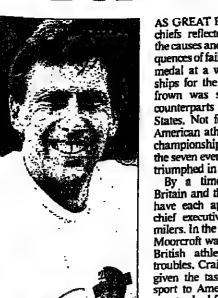
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#### Day 5 (Friday) SOLUTIONS

Mastermind: answer was YELLOW, RED. BLACK, WHITE, WHITE, Alec Falconer, of Edinburgh, wins £500. Mensa Problem: 1 13 63 83. 2 36 - sum of alphabetical positions of first and last letters. 3 They all have hidden coastal terms: bay, sea, cove, surf. P Stone,

of Basingstoke, wins £100. \*David Pritchard is a former editor of Games and Puzzles magazine and the author of books on Chess, Go, Backgammon and bridge.

TOMORROW: PLAY OWARI FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN MORE PRIZES - PLUS THE SOLUTIONS TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLES



Moorcroft common aim

chiefs reflected yesterday on the causes and potential consequences of failing to win a gold medal at a world championships for the first time, their frown was shared by their counterparts from the United States. Not for 21 years had American athletes at a global championships won as few as the seven events in which they triumphed in Athens.

By a timely coincidence, Britain and the United States have each appointed a new chief executive, both former milers. In the week that David Moorcroft was named to lead British athletics out of its troubles. Craig Masback was given the task of selling the sport to Americans after the country had failed to build on the promotional chances provided by hosting the 1984 and 1996 Olympic Games.

During the championships here, Moorcroft and Masback exchanged ideas and will assist each other where possible. They agreed, for example, that to return, more dual-nation international fixtures an needed, that the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) grand prix needs to change and that the IAAF has not gone far enough with its

"wild card" system.

The statistics of the world championships are these: Britain won five siver medals and one bronze, but, without a gold, finished 26th in the overall medal table. The United States led the table, but, after three Olympics and three world championships in which the country's gold medal count was never fewer than ten, seven represents an alarming decline.

The former Soviet states won only two gold medals between them. a united Germany five. These four former superpowers of the sport are finding it increasingly difficult to produce winners as ever more nations - 200 took part - compete for honours. Forty one countries

gold won by Britain's best in Athens

applauded.

indicative of how medals are

more evenly spread now that a

combined Germany should

win five events here and be

is that we see people in Europe, like Germany, who have had a

good championships, with their system running for three

or four years and adequately funded," Arnold said. "It is so

frustrating that we have this

rich vein of talent among the youngsters - 33 medals won in

Europe this year at under-18, under-20 and under-23 level —

but it seems we are not yet able

to move them on to the highest

Arnold blamed "the bureau-

The great worry for Britain

David Powell ponders the lack of

appear on the medals table, whereas, until 1993, the number was less than 30.

"We are never going to win more than two or three gold medals at our very best," Moorcroft warned. To achieve even that, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) is dependent on National Lottery funding and, on that subject, Malcolm Arnold, the BAF performance director, is growing weary.
"It was very important for

the sport [in Britain] to win at least one gold medal," Arnold said. "For me, the gripe is the same - seven years lack of funding, virtually no money to prepare the team this year and National Lottery sports fund money not yet on board."
Five gold medals would, in

cratic process", which leaves the BAF still awaiting its first the 1980s, have been a National Lottery payments, for national disgrace for the forstifling development. The BAF East Germany. It is has little money of its own and

pounds in lost sponsorship, television and gate money. Two critical areas for fund-

ing that Arnold mentioned were coaching and medical support. Coaching needs to be more specific and, only by working with a network of hysiotherapists, will the BAF be able to ensure that a nearfully lit team turns up for the championships. Too many ath-

letes arrived here injured.
"Under the new plan, we will
get reports back from the physiotherapists so our medical staff will have a better handle on what is happening before we get the athletes out to the championships," Malcom Brown, the BAF medi-cal officer, said. Brown said that the scatter gun approach to treatment meant that "only when the athletes come to the championships do we have a clearer idea of what the problems are and, by that time, it is often too late".

the inability to deliver a gold remind detractors that, with medal may cost millions of 20 silver medals in global championships since Jonathan Edwards won Britain's last gold in 1995, the nation's athletes remain highly competitive. Nor should we be allowed to forget the British men's team victory at the European Cup in June.

Masback said it was "a huge success of the IAAF" to have used its development programme to make athletics a thoroughly global sport. The stronger competition apart, he thought the United States decline was the manifestation of two things: the frightening" number of people choosing to do other sports and

post-Atlanta let-down". Twice a day in Atlanta, 80,000 spectators turned upfor athletics, yet, even now, little is seen on television. panded indoor and outdoor seasons, more college competitions and international matches would help to stir television



#### SAILING

## Fastnet jinx strikes Americans' hopes in Admiral's Cup

By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

NOT since 1989, when Great Britain last won the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup. has a team successfully defended a series lead going into the 605-mile Fastnet Race. This is something that the Americans know only too well, having gone into the Fastnet two years ago with a lead of 25 points, only to lose the championship to Italy by the equivalent of six Fastnet places.

It could be that history is repeating itself. This time, the Americans - whose vachtsmen are regarded as vulnerable offshore — started with a 15-point lead over New Zealand, but, more than halfway through the race, they have slipped to second, with Italy. once again, in the lead by five

Computer projections for points at the end of the championship, based on positions of the 21-strong fleet yesterday, kept the Germans in third place and put the team of three British boats — Corum Indulgence, Easy Oars and Bradamante — up to fourth from fifth, less than one point ahead of the Austra-

The main losers so far are the New Zealand team, who were among the early favourites for the Cup but who are languishing in sixth place. having started the race second overall. Russell Courts in the big boat, Numbers, is last in his class, as is Tom Dodson's LLC 40, Mean Machine, while the Mumm 36, Georgia Express, skippered by David Barnes, lies fourth. This gives New Zealand a projected Fastnet tally of 72 points, which, if maintained, will blow apart their champion-

After a slow start to the race over the weekend, conditions have improved with fresh southerly winds powering the yachts up to the Fastnet Rock yesterday afternoon. The lead-

ing big boat, Flash Gordon. was clocked at nine knots just before she went round at 5.00pm yesterday, a matter of seconds ahead of the Italians. in Madina Milano.

The race could hardly be closer with satellite fixes showing many boats within tenths of miles of each other as they headed back towards the finish at Plymouth. The British team have benefited from a an improvement of one place by Corum Indulgence from fourth to third in her class and by John Merricks's Bradamante continuing to lead the Mumm 36 class, with more

than a one-hour advantage over the Australians in Sea. Yet the ILC 40. Easy Oars. skippered by Andy Beadsworth dropped from fifth to sixth in her class yesterday, underlining that the fate of the teams in the championship has as much to do with their own performance as with how well or badly boats in other teams are

A small piece of history was made yesterday when the first multihulls to race in the Fastnet finished at Plymouth. They were set a slightly longer course than the rest of the fleet, but this did not stop them getting in well ahead of the monohulls, with Laurent Bourgnon's 60ft trimaran, Primagaz, crossing the line at 2.30om - Il minutes ahead of Loick Peyron's Fuilcolour. Primagaz, which won the Round Europe Race this year, covered the 635-mile course at an average speed of 13.9 knots. Third to finish was the third 60ft trimaran in the race, Banque Populaire, skippered by Thierry Bouvard.

The nine new Whitbread 60s, meanwhile, are putting on a sparkling curtain-raiser for the round-the-world race that they were built for, which starts next month. Racing has been very tight and the leading boats - Silk Cut, skippered by Lawrie Smith, and Merit Cup, skippered by Grant Dalton - were within three minutes of each other rounding the Rock, with Dalton just ahead.

For much of the race, all nine boats have been within 25 miles of each other. Chris Dickson's Toshiba was in third place, one mile behind Smith, while George Collins, the only amateur skipper, had climbed through the fleet to be fourth. Paul Cayard, taking part in his first Whitbread 60 at the helm of EF Language, was in sixth place. Dalton reported yesterday that he is pleased that his Farr design is keeping pace with Smith's Farr boat on what he described as a "wet

and windy ride".

Among the other monohulls, the leader among the five Ericsson 80s is Banque Internationale à Luxembourg. skippered by Ross Field, who has Ludde Ingvall's Nicorette on his tail. Next is Hasso Plattner's IMS maxi, Morning Glory, which is doing well to be racing among the waterballasted Ericssons, with three of them astern of her.

## Hague at home in unknown territory



on a world event not on the sporting map

vette Hague is a world-class competitor in a sport that know precious little about She excels at orienteering, a time-trial across unseen and rugged countryside with mdimentary navigational aids. Her participation in the world orienteering champi-onships in Norway this week promises the perfect antidote to the disappointments of the Great Britain athletes in Athens. However, even a gold medal will barely warrant a mention alongside frenzied critiques of football and cricket, two sports at which Britain trails other nations.

To meet Hague is to appreciate Britain's penchant for thriving on defeat while eschewing excellence in other spheres. Hague, 30, is an athlete of international stature. She has been plagued by injury throughout most of her competitive life, receives minimal funding and next to no recognition, yet she never once questions the severe demands of orienteering. She does it purely for the thrill, for the sheer pleasure of competing, the elation it brings to her life. She is living testament to the fact that money contaminates the

sporting soul. While it is never likely to command prime-time television viewing, orienteering embraces the tenet of all captivating pursuits. blends immense physical de-mands with a mental prowess not readily associated with populist sports. The latter are increasingly influenced by managers, coaches and mentors who effectively

organise the athlete's mind. Hague has to plot her course while pounding ter-rain that would disembowel a Sherman tank. She will be undermined by self-doubt, forever seeking landmarks to validate her route, all the while straining to maintain concentration as fatigue sets in over the closing check-points. There is no such thing as a perfect race: a few careless seconds can take minutes to redeem. It is the



Hague is tracking a gold medal for Britain in the world championships in Norway

dosest sporting metaphor to the hare and the tortoise. Indications abound that Hague, who has been orienteering since the age of seven, has a raw love of the land. She finances her passion with part-time work as a geologist at the University of London's Royal Holloway unit, situated within an easy jog of Windsor Great Park, itself the perfect training facility, with its carpet of grass, for athletes with tender limbs. She performs best, she said, over the rugged, hilly terrain of Norway (the host to these world championships). its natural beauty inspiring her to greater heights of

performance than Britain's ss demanding landscape. When she retires, two years from now, she said she will continue to run "for pleasure" through the mountains

of the Lake District. She is not of the rangy mould so predominant among medal-winners in Athens, nor is she so obsessed with her sport that she wears it like an anorak. There are a lot of die-hards in orienteering, but the better ones are not like that," she said. "Some people love it because they are out there alone, without an audience judging their every move." Hague, whose sporting ex-

petite frame, is all matter-offact when discussing the demands of orienteering. It requires considerable prompting for her to outline "the frustration, the rages and swearing and the pleasure and satisfaction promoted by racing through mountainous forests. The orienteer faces a constant battle to keep those emotions under control, to remain buoyant after taking a wrong route, to avoid complacency when get-

ting it right.
"If you are running well, you are so tuned into the way everything feels around you. notes of landmarks you ex-pect to see and they pop up like clockwork. It is an amazing feeling when it all comes together like that. I've never felt it in anything else I have don't expect to in the future." After an operation on her thins in December, Hague maintained that she is short of her peak for the world championships. All told, she will run five times in as many days, covering about 15 kilometres in three seperate races. However, she pronounced herself in as good a shape" as she was two years

ago, when she collected silver medals in the classic and short-distance categories. "Because of my shins, I have never been in top condition before a world champion-ships," she said. "In training, I am running the best I have done for years, but having the operation meant I did not start remning again until

Her training regime is similar to that employed by a

#### She has to plot a course and pound terrain that would disembowel a Sherman tank'

half-marathon runner. She runs between eight and ten miles each day, six days a week, although her road-work has been perenially curtailed by long-trouble-some shins. Although she will not start favourite for any event in Norway this week, she believes her competitive instinct gives her a

lighting chance. 'I know I will have to rely on others making mistakes to win," she insisted. "A few of the girls are fitter than me." Against that, Hague thrives on the technical nature of orienteering in Norway. "I am good under pressure," she said. That's why it was so frustrating to watch our athletes at the world championships in Athens. Very few of them produced personal

That latter remark promotes an interesting scenario. With each orienteering course differing from the next, personal bests cannot be measured against the clock. By Hague's own definition, the silver medal that she won two years ago dicshe won two years ago dic-tates that nothing but the gold will suffice this time. She hedged slightly when confronted by the argument. "I'll be disappointed if I don't first, let's put it that way." The pity is that pre-cious few Britons will be celebrating or commiserating

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#### BOWLS

#### **Hawes leads Oxford** to narrow victory

KATHERINE HAWES, who won two national singles titles at the weekend, was almost eliminated from the EWBA national fours championship at Royal Learnington Spa yes-terday, but just managed to scrape into the third round, along with three of her City and County of Oxford col-leagues (David Rhys Jones

Oxford trailed Street, from Somerset, 10-15 with only four ends left to play, but, with Hawes playing a crucial role at No 3. Oxford edged back into the frame with a single and two doubles. A front-

toucher from their lead. Mainwaring, broke a 15-15 deadlock with a double on the 21st end.

Having won the title in 1994. be strong contenders, but something went wrong in their encounter in the first round with Stratford-upon-Avon, for whom Rachael Chedgzov was in fine form at the front end of the rink. The Stratford quartet.

skipped by Chedgzoy's moth-

er. Elizabeth Chedgzoy, took

control from the start and led 9-0 after only four ends, ulti-

mately winning 22-10.

Peterborough were thought to

#### Henman's poor form sees his ranking slip

TENNIS

TIM HENMAN, after two successive first-round defeats. has dropped from No 18 to No 21 in the latest world rankings issued by the Association of Tennis Professionals, while Greg Rusedski has gone down one place from No 24 to

Henman's fall could seriously affect his chances of getting a seeded position at the US Open, which begins later this month, with most of the world's leading players ex-pected to enter at Flushing Meadow, Last year, Henman reached the last 16 at the US Open and, if he fails to get that

further down the rankings. This week, Henman is play

ing in the Pilot Pen International in Connecticut, where he is seeded No 7. Apart from a good Wimbledon, where he reached the quarter-finals, the British No l has rarely reached top form since having an elbow operation at the end

☐ Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde have now become the third most successful doubles pair in tennis history after winning their 45th career title in Cincinnati on Sunday evening.

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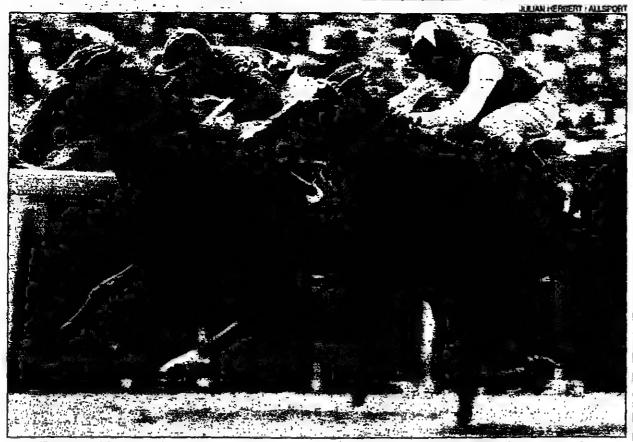
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#### **RACING:** FANCIED RUNNERS DOUBTFUL FOR BIG YORK HANDICAP



Shantou and Dettori, right, resume a winning partnership in the Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury on Saturday

## Stoute gives Ebor warning

BY CHIUS MCGRATH

THE Knavesmire was once the site of York's gallows, and ante-post punters on the Tote-Ebor — the historic handicap run there next Wednesday - can be forgiven if they feel that the noose is beginning to tighten. Michael Stoute, the trainer of two of the first four in the sponsor's book, yesterday warned that both are doubtful for what is always one of the biggest betting races in the calendar. Purist and Mohawk River

are well-bred, lightly raced horses with the potential to be better than handicappers. Unfortunately, with the sultry weather continuing, their cricket-loving trainer considers their supporters to be on a sticky wicket. "Nobody wants to be backing either of them," he said, "Mohawk River won? run unless the ground is good, and the same is true of Purist, who is also in the Great Voltigeur anyway. He has already missed Goodwood because of fast ground."

But while Stoute gave notice of denressing defections, there was news yesterday of an exciting recruitment. Enough recent European champions

muttering darkly about what happens if you sell off the family silver. Yesterday, however, the National Stud announced a coup with the lease of Hector Protector for the 1998 covering season, with an option to retain his services

the following spring.
The stud is justifiably optimistic that the deal, as the bloodstock equivalent of importing exotic footballers in the mould of Zola and Juninho, will have enduring

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: JILTED (3.00 Bath) Next best: Sharp Deed (2.30 Bath)

ramifications for the British breeding inclustry. When Hector Protector was sold to Teruya Yoshida as a stallion, it was with a pedigree to match racecourse achieve-ments which included five group one races at two and three years old.

a still more attractive proposition since. His sister, Bosra Sham, has developed into a champion, while the family have ended up on Japanese champion, while the family stud farms to get people boasts another one in

Lammtarra. Hector Protector. meanwhile, was a leading sire in Japan in 1995 and 1996, with four stakes winners in his first

The National Stud has re-

sponded with a mixture of imagination and pragmatism to the intimidating imbalances of the bloodstock world. Embracing the modern culture of "shuttling" stallions between hemispheres, doubling their yield, it has sent Suave Dancer, Celtic Swing and Puissance to Australia and Be My Chief to Brazil. Miles Littlewort, its chief executive, hopes that such flexibility can continue to open new horizons. "Hector Protector is cur-

rently in Australia, and probably won't be arriving until after Christmas," Littlewort said. "We've got to accept that these are expensive commodities which have to be used sensibly. This deal could have far-reaching repercussions. It is now a world market, and we have to be prepared to operate within it. You can either say that you can't afford it, or turn around and say there is more problem. You can go into partnership with one another. you can use the horses more

imaginatively."

BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

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with this loss in the eighth round.

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Black: Anatoly Karpov

to see how Shantou fares as a stallion. The St Leger winner has plenty of ability, but tends to use it most generously only when asked by the right person. That person is Frankie Dettori, and his unavailability at Ascot last time gave John Gosden reservations about running him at all. In the event, Shantou, partnered by Gary Hind, never got into the race after being hampered at halfway.

But Dettori, who rode a

Fly To The Stars, trained by Mark Johnston, attempts to follow up his recent Goodwood victory in the Prix de Tourgeville at Deauville today. Olivier Peslier rides.

treble at Windsor yesterday, will resume the parmership in the Tripleprint Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury on Saturday, even though Classic Cliche or Predappio may represent Godolphin. Simon Crisford, racing manager to Godolphin, said: "They have a won a classic together. Our plans won't be finalised for a day or two, anyway, as both horses have alternatives

# It will be interesting one day abroad."

#### By Robert Shekhan, bridge correspondent

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

In Dublin in the early 1960s, my moustachio'd friend Derek Young played in a £5 a hundred game, a serious stake in those days. Thirty years on, he asked my opinion of an expensive disaster.

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The first problem is North's action over One Club, It is not a good idea to double with such a shapely hand. Double is ideal for three-suited hands. acceptable for strong one-suited hands, and also for less marked two-suited hands, e.g. **≜AQ32 ∀AKJ42 ◆A3 ♣64** 

The best course of action on strong two-suiters which are at least 5-5 is to start with a cue-bid. Here North should bid Two Clubs over West's One Club. If East goes Three Clubs South can venture Three Diamonds. Now North bids Three Hearts and South can bid Three Spades, showing he prefers spades to hearts, and so North-South can arrive at their optimum con-

tract, Four Spades. My second choice on the North hand would be to bid One Heart over One Club. Of course, you would feel nervous if that were passed out, but in practice when you have a lot of distribution there is usually further bidding. Here North would undoubtedly have had

should have bid Three Hearts sounded too much like a cuejumped to Five Diamonds). Three Hearts is a strong call, but doesn't guarantee spades.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### WORD-WATCHING

#### By Philip Howard

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the chance to get in his spades on the next round of the auction. Finally, I think North bid in support of diamonds (though South should not have

over Three Clubs. Four Clubs It's close whether South should pass it or bid Three Spades.

ARSENIC a. A dedicated Arsenal football fan b. A chemical element c. A scenic route BIFFIN a. A muffin

b. To take charge c. A baked apple Appends on page 12



Anand wins Viswanathan Anand has won the Biel tournament with 7/10, ahead in Copenhagen. of Anatoly Karpov on 612 and Boris Gelfand on 512. Karpov's White: Vassily Smyslov

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Championship continues at Hove. Contenders include Michael Adthew Sadler. Andrew Martin, Mark Hebden, Tony Miles. Tony Kosten, Andrew Ledger and defending champion Chris Ward.

#### WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is

from the game Sherwin -Denker, US 1968. White has a lead in develop-

ment and has opening dangerous lines against the black king. How did he now break through?

Solution on page 42



#### Veteran wins

Former world champlon Vassily Smyslov, 76, demonstrated superb form by becoming the top scorer is veterans v women tournamen

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Wirtle, 11-2) ALSO RAN 5-2 lay Dsuphin (4th), 3 Super Serenade, 12 General Glow (5th), 14 English Invader, Woodramy (6th), 25 Parish Walk, 33 Against The Clock, 50 Miss Mezzanne 11 ran, NR, Mr Spectiator 8th of, 21 II, rik, 11 I J Gosdan at Newmarket, Tole: 27 50, 12 20, 12 40, 12 00 DF 12 0 30 Tho 118 40 CSF 24 10 Thoast 19 17 57 E197.57
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3.45 BOSTON AND INSTRICT LICENSED VICTUALIERS MAIDEN HUSTULE (£2,322 3m 110yd) (10)

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5 PS3 GENERAL PARKER 99 Mins M Miningan 6-11-2 A S Smith (5)

6 COLDUMER AIPE Mass M Rowland 5-11-2 G Hogan (3)

7 81-0 SOUTHERMICHOSSPATCH 27 (D, G) P Bown 6-11-2 M Lockson 79

8 FOP. THE SHY PADRE 150 M Potman 8-11-2 J. J Collody - 
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3 5-63 BATTLESHIP BRACE 31 (B) P Boven 5-11-5 . R Johnson 5
4 53-3 SCRIPT 25 (F.3) Jentons 6-10-11 . J Osborne 95
5 24-3 SHEEMORE 60 M Hammond 4-10-18 . R Gardey 92 2-1 Script, 9-4 Steamary, 7-2 Basteshap Bruce 6-1 Platins 8-1 Frontier Flight

4.45 BLACKPOOL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,322; 2m) (6)

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3 -122 SECHMES BUL 23 A ME CD.F.C.S. J Justices 8-15-5 J Geborne 63
4 F-51 SAFFING MOON 10 6F F Journal 6-11-1 . R JOHNSON 15
5 407 I TANSO BANK 25 (D.F.) J G'Shar 5-10-13 . A P McCloy 90
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Placepot: £398 70. Ouadpot \$26.20. ☐ Martin Pipe, the trainer, teamed up with Tony McCoy. his stable jockey, to register a treble at Worcester yesterday. The pair struck with Couchant, Robert's Toy and Running De Cerisy, the lastnamed an import from France. Pipe and McCoy missed out on a four-timer when Fleet Cadet took little

interest in the novices' chase.



**FOOTBALL** 

## Palace and Barnsley settle in to new home

By Russell Kempson

Carling Premiership block last weekend. Barnsley and Crystal Palace were almost submerged beneath an avalanche of attention. How would Barnsley perform in their first top-flight match in the club's 110-year history? How would Attilio Lombardo, Palace's £1.6 million Italian, react to his first taste of life outside Serie A? A footballing nation waited.

As often happens, the hype overshadowed reality and proved rather more palatable than the end product. Barnsiey went 1-0 ahead against West Ham United at Oakwell, but lost 2-1. No fairy tale there. Palace beat Everton 2-1, with Lombardo scoring one goal and creating the other, yet raised only a few ripples of

Manchester City yesterday completed the free transfer of Jason van Blerk, the Australia defender, from Millwall. Stockport County have beaten Bolton Wanderers and Nottingham Forest in the race to sign Vassilios Kalogeracos, another Australian player, for £150.000 from Floreat the Australian

This evening, the former Nationwide League first division sides meet at Selhurst Park, fresh from lessons learnt and with the weight of expectation perhaps temporarily lifted. Palace return home with three points already earned and will hope for more of the same; Barnsley again face opposition from the capital, with renewed vigour, and

will look for improvement. Winning on Saturday will have done wonders for the players," Ray Lewington. the Palace coach, said yesterday. "They now realise they de-: to be in the Premiersh that they deserve to be on the

same pitch as all the others. "We now know we can compete, but we've got to keep working really hard all year round. We won't get away with making silly mistakes as we may have done sometimes in the first division. Barnsley are tough - we drew twice with them last season - but we want to show our fans

what we can do." Steve Coppell, the Palace

AS NEW boys on the FA manager, spent much of yesterday trying to strengthen his squad with the £2 million signing of Neil Emblen, the Wolverhampton Wanderers defender. Although it was unlikely that the deal would go ahead in time for Emblen to play tonight, it emphasises Coppell's determination to

> Premiership is anything but Danny Wilson, the Barnsley manager, has similar aims, but realises his task is considerable. "We gave the ball away too easily against West Ham," he said. "We've got to keep it longer to give us

make sure Palace's stay in the

platform to build on. "Perhaps a few players were affected by all the hype and all the ballyhoo, perhaps their concentration suffered a bit, but it's something they're going to have to get used to."

Neil Redfearn, the Barnsley goalscorer, said: "We wanted a good start and, unfortunately, it didn't materialise. It's only one game, but we've got to learn quickly."
Ronny Rosenthal, the Tot-

tenham Hotspur striker. joined Watford, of the Nationwide League second division. on a free transfer yesterday Rosenthal, an Israel international, moved to White Hart Lane from Liverpool in January 1994 for £250,000.

"Ronny has played and succeeded at the highest level," Graham Taylor, the Watford manager, said. "The fact that we have recruited a player from the Premiership is a sign of our ambition."

Borussia Dortmund, the European Cup-winners, are to hold talks with Alessandro Moggi. Fabrizio Ravanelli's agent, later this month, while Everton, who tried to buy the Middlesbrough forward during the summer, also appear to have renewed their interest.

"It's a matter of sitting around and thrashing out the details with Dortmund, IT'S NO SECTEL THE want him. Fabrizio could stay put, although I doubt it, but our discussions with Everton remain open."

Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, is hoping to complete the exchange deal between David Unsworth and Danny Williamson today. Unsworth, the Everton centre back, should go to West Ham for £1 million and Williamson, a midfield player, would move

## Smith chases American dream



Smith wants to return to Britain after her four years in the United States but a career in Japan or Norway beckons

hen Ted Copeland, the England women's football coach, draws up his squad for his team's first 1999 World Cup qualifying match, against Germany next month, one regular name, Kelly Smith, is likely to be missing — not because of injury, but because Smith, 18, has flown out to the United States to begin a college soccer scholarship and has, therefore, placed a question mark over

her England career. Since making her debut for England three days after her seventeenth birthday, Smith has jinked down the left wing for her country another 12 times, tormenting her weary markers. Copeland insists that the Football Association

would pay to fly Smith back to Europe for England matches, but the college she is about to join could veto such action. It has, after all, offered her a four-year scholarship so that she plays in its team.

"I think the college will not she is available, it will be a bonus," Copeland said. "A lot of girls want to go to America, it seems glamorous, but I don't know how high the quality of coaching is."

However, if Smith had stayed in England, she would be looking for a job, having just completed a diploma in sport science. The move to the United States, however, was always in her plans since she

Sarah Forde investigates why the most

promising player in English women's football could be lost to the United States

'I don't want

to see her

go, but there

is nothing

for her here'

was spotted three years ago. "There are no jobs for me here in Britain," she said. "I wanted me to drop every-thing right there and go to America," she said. "I wanted want to go to America for the to stay and finish my diploma in sport science, which Bettyexperience. I get to train every day and I get a free edu-Ann Kempf, the coach from Seton Hall College, under

Smith's trail to the United States started in 1994 while playing for her first club, Pinner Park, in a tournament in Watford, her home town. Pinner Park set

a touring team from the United States in the final, with Smith the orchestrator. scout with the visitors was impressed and Bernard

about destroying

contacts with lots of universities. Seven or eight contacted Kelly personally and others tried to get hold of her through her clubs, Wembley and Arsenal."

Two coaches flew from the United States to talk to Smith, but the level-headed teenager took her time in making her decision. "They told me how big their colleges and football leagues were, but one of them

trained on two evenings a

Smith will be bombarded with college kit and four pairs of training shoes on her arrival at Seton Hall. The quad occasionally travels by air to matches in other states and will train for three hours each day after morning class-es. All Smith's accommodation and food is paid for and she will leave with a qualification in Health and Physical Education. Smith's father conceded: "I do not want to see her go, but there is nothing keeping her here. I'll miss watching her play on Sundays. I have been doing it

for years."

Vic Akers, her coach at Arsenal, believes it is a huge disappointment for football in this country that young players such as Smith are going to the United States. We need a similar situation here where players can confootball together," Akers said. "It's a problem that needs to

Smith wants to return to play for Arsenal after her four years abroad, but she will probably, at some stage, be offered a professional con-tract in Norway or Japan, where female footballers can earn up to £60,000 a year. If such a situation does arise, England's most promising young woman footballer might never be seen playing on English turf again.

EQUESTRIANISM IN BRIEF

#### Lampard is beneficiary as Skelton is dropped

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

NICK SKELTON intends to put Tinka's Boy, his brilliant young horse, on the market after being dropped from the British showlumping team for the first time for 12 years. The team for the European championships, announced yesterday, consists of Michael
Whitaker, Robert Smith and
Di Lampard — who earned
their places through the new
trials, system — with John
Whitaker and Geoff Billington
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Although the rules for selection were clearly laid down at the start of the season, Skel-ton, 39, feels let down. "The selection procedure's a joke," he said. "I've got one of the hest young horses I've ever had, but there's no room for him in the team. He's going on the market." Skelton has helped to win three gold medals, two silver medals and

a bronze during his illustrious career with the Britain team. After a double clear on Tinka's Boy at the Gijon Nations' Cup earlier this month together with second place in the second of the four trials — Skelton thought he had done enough for selection, but his decision to miss the third trial, at Peterborough, meant that he did not have

three counting scores,
I wouldn't have jumped there even if I'd gone - the ground was rock hard," he said. "If we're going to have selection trials, the courses and the going should all be up to international standard."

David Broome, the chairman of the British Show Jumping Association, admitted the new system - where the top three partnerships from the four trials gained automatic team selection needs some "ironing out". but said that trials are here to stay. They've opened up the sport at the top end — which is what we intended, he said. They've been very good for the overall spirit of the

Di Lampard's Abbervail Dream, owned by Robert-Verburgt is the most conspicuous beneficiary of the new system: Verburgt bought the ten-year-old gelding after his wife, Dina, dreamt a horse Britain. A long search ensued until Abbervall Dream was found, as a three year-old, in the yard of Noel Cawley in Co Kildare. The horse was left out of the team for Atlanta last vear, but the new trials made it impossible for the selectors to overlook his claims. GREAT BELLAN TEMM (Surpeers champtonships in Marmheta, Aug 28-31); M Whiteler (Vinus Village Ashley and I've Step), J Whiteler (Vinus Village Webam and Grannsch), G Billington (Vinus Village it's Cito), R Smith (Senator Tees Hansser

Bradbury costs Salford

£50,000

SALFORD Reds rugby league dub yesterday com-pleted the signing for £50,000 of David Bradbury after a transfer tribunal, which freed the second-row forward to leave Oldham Bears for less than the £200,000 that they had been demanding for him

(Christopher Levine writes). Bradbury toured New Zea-land with Great Britain last year, but he has missed most of the season because of his dispute at Oldham. He is anxious to stake a claim for inclusion in the international series against Australia in

Andy Gregory, the Salford coach and a contender for the Great Britain coaching pos-ition, said: "David is a class player and we have four league games and the Pre-miership left for him to push

for a Test place."

Martin Crompton, the Oldham captain, is likely to miss the rest of his side's battle against relegation from the Stones Super League after he hurt: an ankle in the 36-26 defeat at St Helens.

#### Good start

Golf: Philip Rowe, 18, runnerup In the English Amateur Championship this month and already selected to make his senior international debut, made a confident start to his bid for the British Boys Open title at Saumton.

Rowe, from Cornwall, eased his way into round two of the championship with a 4 and 2 win over Greg Hyde, from Wath. There was a surprise when Scott Godfrey, an English jumior internation-al, from St Enodoc, went down after six extra holes to Jamie Hall, from Hampshire. Godfrey had been two up with two to play.

#### High scorers

Rugby union: England's Rugby union: England's schoolboys continued their victorious tour of Australia when they beat New South Wales Combined High Schools 64-5 in Sydney. Lee Best the Durham wing, who is, contracted to Richmond, second there of their 11 tries. scored three of their 11 tries, with two for Jonathan Wil-kinson, the Lord Wandsworth's College centre, who benrift Boat

#### Newcomers Cricket: Northamptonshire

are expected to give debuts to Toby Blain, 21, a wicketkeeper, and Jason Brown, au off spinner, for the fixture with Pakistan A at Wantage Road today. David Roberts and Tim Walton, the batsmen, have joined a mounting casualty list.

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Seton Hall College, in South

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have a team parading Smith's

the best-equipped women's

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with a coach employed by the

same Highbury organisation that runs the FA Carling

Premiership side, and, on

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CRICKET

## Glamorgan in need of Waqar's thunder

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

LIKE everything else in cricket, the NatWest Trophy is set for radical change, but the start of its remodelling was in place well before the emergence of the MacLaurin blueprint. This year, the semi-finals are, for the first time, to be played on consecutive days, starting with the visit of Glamorgan to an overheated Chelmsford today.

Cricket is having to compete as a television sport. That is the hard truth behind many of the upper-level proposals in the grand plan of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and it provides the logic for separating these showpiece games. Previously, one or

Tom Moody, the Worcestershire captain, is ready to contemplate retirement, espe-cially if he is offered the chance to replace David Houghton, the outgoing coach at New Road. Moody, who doubles up as the Western Australia captain, will be 32 in October and has hinted he may end his playing days within the next two years.

other semi-final received short shrift on live television, but both can now be screened in. full. Better coverage means potentially higher fees.

There will be more refinements to come - and not only in the planned expansion of the tournament to 60 teams in 1999 and the welcome initiative that will give the minor counties a guaranteed home draw against their seniors. In future, if the finances of the game are to be the prime consideration, the semi-finals may also be staged on neutral grounds capable of holding many more than the 5,000 who have obtained tickets for Chelmsford.

Glamorgan have raised the subject of independent venues



and it is worthy of debate. Only a few hundred of their large and vocal band of supporters have been allocated seats today, meaning the atmosphere will not be all that it might have been. Essex, who are traditionally averse to almost every change, cannot be expected to support this one

just yet, though.

They will start as favourites today, if only through their familiarity with the big occasion. In the 20 years since Glamorgan's one visit to a Lord's final - they lost to Middlesex in what was then the Gillette Cup — Essex have contested seven knockout finals. They know the territory and the fact that they have won only two of the seven will make them even more determined.

Against this can be set the fact that Essex's season has gone into decline, coincidentally in the three weeks since Graham Gooch's retirement. Defeats in both the championship and the Sunday league at Canterbury in recent days mean that the NatWest is their best chance of winning a

Injuries have been affecting their attack and both Mark llott and Ashley Cowan missed the four-day game in Kent. They will be back in action today, flott having recovered from a sore heel and Cowan from general wear and tear, but they will need to be at their best to contain the most prolific batting side in the

Robert Croft's England place is in grave doubt, but at least the four-day finish at Trent Bridge saved him and Nasser Hussain from the absurd imposition of rushing directly to a semi-final. Croft will have his usual high profile for Glamorgan and perhaps the occasion will help restore his spirits.

For Giamergan to win. however, Wagar Younis will probably have to cause some disarray in the Essex upper order, where the captain, Paul Prichard, will have a late fitness test on the harostring strain that caused him to use a runner for much of his defiant double-century at Canterbury. The romantic result would

be a win for Glamorgan, nourishing their improbable dreams of a championship and knockout double. Tomorrow, similarly, the heart will urge Sussex to victory at Edgbaston, The head, however, says Essex and Warwickshire will win through to what may be the last 60-over



Master class: Dermot Reeve, the Somerset coach, gives Lucy Pearson the benefit of his expert knowledge during a training session with the England women's cricket squad at Wellington College, Berkshire, yesterday. The former England all-rounder was belying to fine-tune preparations for the one-day series against South Africa, which starts on Friday in

Bristol (Sarah Potter writes). It was a session instigated by the England coach, Megan Lear. A long-time admirer of

Recve's combative cricket style, which was so successfully employed during his reign at Warwickshire, she believes mental toughness is vital at international level. "I read his autobiography and was impressed with his attitude," she said. "You only have to look at his record to see he's the king of motivation. I wanted to get some of that strength of mind and openess into our

Reeve was already familiar with women's ericket. His fiancée plays for Taunton and he

claims her improved batting average is due to his coaching. He has also coached the Western Australia women's team during regular trips to Perth to visit his daughter. "It is about enjoying the big occasion and about how the players can get the best out of themselves on the big day," he said. "I talked about running between the wickets, communication and a few disciplines for everyone, but it was mainly on the psychological side."

Photograph: Peter Trievnor

hamshire batsman, approves

of the idea: "The gap is not

wide between second XIs and

minor counties, but playing

against professionals would

continue to raise our stan-dards," he said,

Financial aspects are of

concern to Eric Burston, the

Wiltshire commercial manag-

er, who said: "Who will pay to

watch sides grinding through

120 overs? Our recent match

rate hospitality. I could not imagine that being repeated."

Burston also has miseivings

about the proposed, expanded

NatWest Trophy format, in-

volving 60 teams, with minor

having automatic home advan-

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"That part is fine," he said, "but

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The last word belongs to

on the now-defunct Test and

## MacLaurin report gains positive reaction

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

SOME believe that the Minor Counties Cricket Association (MCCA) is a parochial body, playing jolly games around the English shires, remote from the Test circuit and without a care for broader issues. Not so. Yesterday, in response to the Raising the Standard document unveiled last week by Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), its own. unofficial, way forward was revealed.

Derek Bridge, the president of MCCA, said that, pending his committee's forthcoming rubber-stamp, three of each county's nine two-day matches next summer would follow, experimentally at least, Lord MacLaurin's recommended format of 120-overs, one-innings contests instead of games of four innings over the

same duration. Yesterday, at six delightful venues, this verdict might have been the cue for the watching diehards to reach for a large drink. At Jesmond, apposite view during their match against Lincolnshire.

Northumberland took the Bill Peacock, the chairman, said: "I cannot say whether playing a longer game will foster England teams of to-

morrow, but we have to give the blueprint a go. If we do not try it, then we won't know."

Neil Hamilton, the Lincolnshire chairman, was not as convinced. "Longer cricket does not necessarily mean better cricket and the ECB has been quiet, indeed silent, about funding our future." The MCCA, founded in

1895, rejected last year a oneinnings a match proposal that was tabled by Ian Cockbain, the Minor Counties and Cheshire captain, who said:

DUBLIN ffinal day of three)

IRELAND'S annual three-

day match against Scotland

petered out to a draw at

Malahide in Dublin yester-

day but not before a certain

amount of excitement had

Justin Benson declared Ire-

land's second innings closed

at 192 for 5, setting the Scots a

target of 274. Victory looked well wihin Scotland's reach

despite the early loss of Doug-

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"It would give batsmen time to build an innnings." Bridge said: "Some say that

one-innings, two-day games can be boring for players, as well as spectators. Sitting in a changing room watching a team-mate score a three-hour hundred will not appeal, but we must test it out." A further plan over the next two years. before the proposed introduction of a 38-county board that swallows up the MCCA and XI championship, involves an

FROM KARL JOHNSTON IN DUBLIN

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There are doubts. Dave Hoare, the Bedfordshire secretary, a member of the MCCA management committee, said: "We have a history of reservations about playing county second teams dating back 20 years. Some didn't want a game of cricket. They had just come to practise against us with an out-of-touch batsman

against Devon was worth 11,000 in receipts and corpo-Scotland's effort falls short

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**TEST AVERAGES** 

about impossible. The present September for June draw means we have months to maximise income." Bridge, who served the MCCA

> County Cricket Board, "I am reasonably upbeat about the MacLaurin report from the minor counties' angle. We are all working towards the same goal of excellence."

#### **RUGBY UNION**

#### Clubs rush to sign up talents of Townsend

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE number of clubs in pursuit of Gregor Townsend. the Scotland and British Isles stand-off half, increased significantly yesterday when he met leading figures from Bath Townsend, who has already been linked with Richmond and Cardiff, now seems more likely than ever to leave Northampton.

Whether he would do so for Bath remains a moot point, for all Bath's success over the last decade. Part of Townsend's problem at Northampton is the clash of interests with Paul Grayson, the England standoff, over the occupancy of the No 10 shirt. That shirt has been worn at Bath with increasing authority of late by Mike Cart, while they are not short of midfield talent, either.

If he is to guarantee himself European competition in the coming season, Townsend must make up his mind by Friday, the deadline for players registering for the Heineken Cup and the European Conference. "It would be great to have Gregor as part of our squad." Clive Woodward. Bath's assistant coach, said, in the knowledge that at least one of his international backs, Jeremy Guscott, will not start the season until

September. Guscott broke his forearm in the last match of the Lions' tour to South Africa and is one of seven capped players who will be unavailable for Bath's opening game in the Allied Dunbar Premiership on August 23, against Newcastle.

Bristol, who are now resigned to the loss of Martin Corry, their England flanker, to Leicester in the wake of the departure of Simon Shaw to Wasps and Mark Regan to Bath, have lost two further stalwarts: Ralph Knibbs, the veteran centre, is to coach Coventry and Mark Tainton. the stand-off and kicking specialist is setting up his own sports consultancy.

#### HOCKEY

#### Scotland's final hopes are dashed

SCOTLAND'S hopes of reach ing their first significant final were crushed when they went down 2-1 to the highly-rated South African team in the semi-finals of the World Cup qualifying tournament Harare yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). Sue Fraser, playing in her

200th international, gave Scotland a glimmer of hope of sending the contest to extra time when she scored from a penalty corner two minutes from time to reduce the deficit. but South Africa held firm under sustained pressure to qualify for today's final.

After dominating the first half, the Springboks led 1-0 at the break through an eighthminute goal by Kerry Bee. who steered the hall past Sue Lawrie, the goalkeeper, to end her run of clean sheets at 37 corners in the competition.

The find of the tournament Pierie Coetzee, maintained her match when she collected her thirteenth goal, beating Lawrie from the penalty spot in the 48th minute.

Karen Roberts, the South Africa captain, admitted the Scots had given her team a real fright in the closing stages. New Zealand qualified for the final with a 2-1 win

## Sri Lanka survive Ganguly onslaught

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SAURAV GANGULY scored a career-best 147 yesterday to give India a 43-run firstinnings lead in the second and final Test against Sri Lanka in Colombo, but Sri Lanka had taken charge by the close on the third day, reaching 77 for one in their second innings to set up an intriguing contest. Sri Lanka will start the fourth day with a lead of 34 runs, hoping to set India a fourth-innings target of around 350 on a wearing

Ganguly scored 100 of the 149 runs that India added to

wicket at the Sinhalese Sports

their overnight score of 226 for four before being last man out at 375, half an hour after rea. His seven-hour stay kept India in the game after a lowerorder collapse in which the last five wickets fell for 47

The 25-year-old left-hander hit 19 fours and two sixes to surpass his 136 against England at Trent Bridge last summer before holing out trying to force the pace. Muttiah Muralitharan, the off spinner, brought the innings to a close, taking three of the last five wickets. He was the leading wicket-taker with four for 99 from 48 overs. The Sri Lanka openers.

Marvan Atapattu, saw off the India seam bowlers in the final session with a stand of 65. However, Anil Kumble, the leg spinner, broke the partnership with a ball that turned sharply and found the edge of Atapattu's bat, carrying to Azharuddin in the slips. Jayasuriya and Roshan Mahanama were together when play ended early because of bad light.

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### British world champion a genuine contender again

## P Hill is back up the mountain

MICHAEL CALVIN



on proof that winners don't always take it all

yrton Senna woold have been inconsulable and cloistered Lout of the public eye in a motorhome that had the ambience of a funeral parlour. Nigel Mansell would have wrenched the steering wheel from its mounting and headed for the nearest television camera to rage at fate. Even Michael Schumacher would have found his studied stoicism impossible to sustain.

Yet Damon Hill, denied due reward for the greatest drive of his career at the Hungaroring on Sunday, responded with the slightly distracted air of a man who had found a penny in the gutter after watching his last 50p piece roll down a drain. He was grateful for the small mercy of second place. philosophical beyond the point of credulity.

He ignored countless invitations to wallow in self-pity. restricting himself to the observation that "it's always nice being at the front. It makes you feel better about yourself. because you know you are being noticed. I'll go away and look back on this weekend and be satisfied with it".

We should have expected no less. Hill is that rarity in the egocentric world of Formula One, a man who refuses to be stifled by its introspective conventions. He defies the cliches of professional sport by proving that winning is not everything. Second is anywhere but nowhere. He has a world title to emphasise that nice guys are not necessarily doomed to

finishing last. His is not the manufactured popularity of a Frank Bruno. me does not arouse epnemeral infatuation, like a Tim Henman. The self-promotional absurdities of an Ian Wright

or a Naseem Hamed are anathema to him. Unlike Colin Montgomeric and the mediocrities of the England cricket team, he can win when matters; in contrast to the British athletics squad, he does not seek excuses.

Frank Williams, his former employer, misjudged the prevailing mood after the Hungarian Grand Prix reflecting that we had a bit of luck but, never mind, that's motor racing. The sympathy aroused by the hydraulic problems that prevented Hill from



that he has gained in adversity. It was led by Schumacher, amplified by Alain Prost and given Villeneuve's blessing.

They were, to use Schumacher's phrase, "frankly amazed" by the extent of Hill's achievement. In the longer term, the development programme overseen by the design guru, John Barnard, might produce a competitive car for Tom Walkinshaw's team, but, at the weekend, the sight of an Arrows-Yamaha at the front of the grid was as incongruous as a ruststreaked MOT failure on the forecourt of a Rolls-Royce dealership.

Memories are selective and acutely personal. My outstanding image of Hill's career before Sunday was not of his coronation as world champion at Suzuka last November, but of a masterly drive through torrential rain to win at the Japanese circuit two years

courage and skill to drive through apparently impenetrable walls of spray and conquered his inner demons as efficiently as he dealt with Schumacher.

Last weekend's performance revealed different qualities. Hill used his experience of the Hungaroring - a narrow, claustrophobic track that de- Mercedes, you'd have to say

scenario is that the world champion will be reunited with the designer, Adrian Newey, a close friend whose disaffection with Hill's dismissal from Williams was a contributory factor in his acrimonious move to McLaren. Jordan admitted: "In a

McLaren, with Newey and

#### 'He was grateful for second place, philosophical beyond credulity'

mands unrelenting concentra-tion - to the full. Once in front he justified the pre-race assertion of Eddie Jordan, that only Schumacher can match the air of invincibility that Hill radiates when he is in the lead.

Jordan has been erroneously linked with Hill, but admits.

that Damon would have a realistic chance of the championship." This would please Bernie Ecclestone, the entrepreneur who is Formula One's defining figure. He reflected yesterday: "We need him [Hill] in a top team next season. I'm sure that will happen because with the wry smile of a street he's one of the top three politician, that "anything is drivers in the world."

if the Briton left Arrows at the completion of his one-year contract. Hill, with typical pragmatism, views such speculation as an unnecessa diversion. He is suspicious of instant judgments. He is now in the South of France, at a summer holiday home with the young family

ing 1998, conceded that he

"could certainly understand"

that is the emotional bedrock of his life. "It's easy to get forgotten in motor racing," he acknowledged. "I'm back in fashion at the moment, but I'm just as pleased for the guys in the garage. Some of them have been in Formula One for years, but had never been near the podium before."

They, assuredly, pleased for him. Popularity is an optional extra in Formula One, but it is nice to know that it still matters to some.

GOLF: HEAVY DEFEAT FOR GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR CHANGE

## Walker Cup must seek European aid

John Hopkins, golf correspondent, believes the time is right for

home countries to broaden horizons in contest with United States

courses of action after Great Britain and Ireland's disastrous performance in the Walker Cup. The first is to analyse it to death, the second is to concede that it was a real drubbing and have done with it. The correct response probably lies somewhere in hetween. It was a drubbing and it was one of those days.

Those words sum up the 1007 Walker Cup march that ended in the 18-o victory for the United States on Sunday evening. As it happens. though, they appeared in this newspaper in the aftermath of Great Britain and Ireland's 19-5 defeat in 1903.

Answers from page M

**ALGOR** 

What is going on? After winning only 11 out of 48 wider than it appears. In short, though Great Britain points in these Walker Cups. and Ireland have improved, so amateur golf in Great too have the United States.

pared with two in the previous 70 years. Why, then, when it seems that Great Britain and Ireland are becoming more competitive, do the United States

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though not of Aryan race, as in the case with some East Indian

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(b) Name of one of the chemical elements, and of some of its

compounds, which are violent poisons. From the Greek

masculine, male or macho, an unkind early feminist reflection

that men are poison. Chaucer: "Arsnek, sai armoniak, and

(c) A baked apple, flattened in the form of a cake. It is named from the cooking apple cultivated especially in Norfolk. The

name is a dialect pronunciation of especially in Norton. The name is a dialect pronunciation of beefings, for beef referring to the deep red colour of the apple. The spelling beautifn has been fabricated to give colour to a fictitious from the French beautiful + fin fine. "Beat his enormous head as flat as a biffin."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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Britain and Ireland in a sometimes by taking a leaf out slump? Of course not. Two of someone else's book. For Walker Cup matches have example, this year, for the first been won since 1987, comtime, the United States ream met for a weekend practice two months before the match. Great Britain and Ireland began using a squad system and having regular practice sessions after the defeat in

inflict such heavy defeats? The answer is that the gap remains Before the match this year. much was made of Great Britain and Ireland's two victories in the previous four and WORD-WATCHING an indication that the Walker Cup had become a more evenhanded contest. It has not. The United States enjoy huge nu-(b) Cold. especially that experienced in the onset of fever. From the Latin word algère, to be cold. "For over colde doo dowes dounge at eve! Aboute her roote, algor away to dryve." merical advantages as well as

> defeats narrow. The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews deserves credit for the more professional approach it has brought to

the benefits of an enormous

competitive programme in col-

leges and universities. Their

victories tend to be wide, their

team preparation for this competition, yet, in the end, Great Britain and Ireland lost because 100 many players were either not as good as they appeared to be at home or played below expectations. Barclay Howard did not need to be told that he was the best example of the latter. He was as upset by his poor play as

The visiting players were outdriven and outputted. Whether they lost accuracy because they were striving for length or whether they were unable to hit the ball as straight as often, they could not keep the ball on the fairway as the Americans did. Thus they could not attack the greens with their second or third shots. This, in turn, meant that they were often chipping from thick greenside rough, of which they have little experience, or facing long

They did not want to have to do either of these on lightningfast greens. A more brutal assessment of the foregoing is

#### WALKER CUP DETAILS

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ed now is whether or not the R&A and the United States Golf Association want this competition to continue as a meeting of like-minded English-speaking friends at which lifelong friendships are formed? If they do, then leave the competition as it is. Downing Gray, the United

States captain, was firm in his view. "I don't even want to consider having Europe in-volved," he said. "We have a legacy here that was started in 1922 and it's not just about who has the most points that this is all about. It's about international relationships, competition, friendships that will last for decades. We're not playing for money. We're playing for the love of the

Colf's two governing bodies are certainly delighted with the improved status that the Walker Cup enjoys. At most, it is contributing to the upsurge in interest in team golf created by the excitement of the Ryder, Curtis and Solheim cups. Such interest in the Walker Cup will wane if it remains so one-sided and with it will go its new exposure on television and its accompany-

ing increased revenues. It is time to include players from mainland Europe. No longer do Europe's hest amateurs come solely from the four home countries. Spain are the European champions. To select a Walker Cup team from the entire continent and not just a part of it may alter the nature of the competition. but it will save it as an

important golfing event

## Back in the crime habit

Cadfael: The Rose Rent
ITV, 8.30pm
Sir Derek Jacobi dons the monk's habit to solve Although Jacobi's Cadfael may lack some of the roughness and disillusion of the Ellis Peters original, television continues to serve the novels well. mai, television continues to serve the novels well. Only a scholar of the 12th century can judge how authentic the period re-creation is, but it looks convincing on the screen and forms a satisfying backdrop to the unravelling of the puzzle. Christopher Russell, who also writes for A Touch of Frost, was responsible for this latest adaptation. In The Rose Rent Kitty Aldridge plays a rich young woman whose sudden widowhood has the men of the area litings up to many her and secure her wealth. lining up to marry her and secure her wealth. Murder follows. The pace is unhurried but never drags, and Cadiael's patient sleuthing is a delight.

Shiva's Wedding

Radio 4, 10.00am (FM)

BBC2, 9.00pm It is television's turn to dramatise the senseless murder of the Kansas farming family which inspired the Truman Capote novel and a Hollywood film. Running to the standard miniseries length of three hours, spread over tonight and tomorrow, the story has plenty of time to develop. Indeed much of tonight's episode is taken up by sketching in the backgrounds and characters of the killers and their victims. Although they look much older than the 20-year-olds of real life, Anthony Edwards, from ER, and Eric Roberts give convincing substance to the criminals who set out to rob the wealthy rancher, Herb Clutter, and commit murder instead. The Clutter family, conventional God-fearing parents and their commit motor instead. The Cititer parity, conventional God-fearing parents and their teenage children, are sketched with a similar attention to detail and the flat, empty Kansas landscape gives a solid feeling of place.

Indian Summer: The Forgotten Famine

Here is another of those documentaries in a genre

Channel 4, 9.00pm

Channel 4 has made its own, the disinterment of an embarrassing episode from the past. During-1943 and 1944 three million people died of starvation in the province of Bengal Mark. Halliley's film argues that the famine was largely

Midnight's Legacy, Radio 4's ambitious series marking the 50th armiverary of India's and Pakistan's independence, should carry a health warning: the brilliant colours its contributors employ

could cause mind's eye dazzle, and the chanting, city noises and general hubbub the microphones pick up, could make sensitive eardrums thump. Ruchira Gupta, in the first of two programmes about India's deities, jaunches yet amother audio-

visual assault on us. Shiva, patron of the city of Varanasi, is one of India's top gods, and the spectacular festival commemorating his wedding is what Gupta describes this morning. Shiva sounds very special — no caste, easy to please, benign, and he can assume any form his worshippers desire.

Children cared for by Barnardos (BBCI)

the fault of the British administration, which then tried to conceal it. Admittedly there was a war on Japanese troops had swept through Burma and were poised to advance on India. But the British are charged with making a bad situation worse. Starving villagers converged on Calcutta, whose streets became littered with the bodies of the dead and dying. Only when Lord Wavell became Viceroy of India did things get better. But this was no thanks, the film claims, to Winston Churchill who disliked India and its people.

#### Barnardo's Children: Voyages of Discovery

BBC1, 9.30pm The tears running down John Williams's face as he searched for the mother he had not seen for years was one of those pieces of intimate television that was one of those pieces of intimate television that you never forget. His story was told in a previous series of Barnardo's Children two years ago. This new programme, one of two this week, recalls and updates Williams's quest and features others inspired by his example. The result is not only a raft of affecting personal stories, by no means all of them with a happy ending, but an insight into Barnardos itself. Founded in the Victorian era to provide a refuge for destinue children, it was run with strict military discipline and was better at supplying military discipline and was better at supplying material needs than emotional ones. But its motives were of the highest and it has moved with times, as Thursday's programme will show.

#### RADIO CHOICE

Pierre Boulez's is the big name to conjure with tonight. He is conducting the Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra in a Prom of 20th-century works including Stravinsky's Rite of Spring, Barrok's Four Pieces for Orchestra and Ravel's Le Tombeau & Couperin. Predictably, Boulez includes one of his own brainchildren Notations I-IV, a reworking of firm earth viscon. This was travel for some of four early pieces. This is not easy stuff for some promisers to cope with, even if they accept his advice. "Just listen with the vastness of the world in mind: you can't fall to get the message." In the interval, at 8.00pm, he and Brian Morton my reconstructing what would have been Bouler's one and only symphony, the manuscript of which he

11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow, Live Iron Bournerrouth 12.30; Newsbeat 12.45 Jo Whiley 3.00 Kevin Greening 6. visbest 6.30 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq 8.30 tital Update 6.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs um Claire Sturgess 4.00 Chris Moyles

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RADIO 5 LIVE

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#### CLASSIC FM

3.00em Mark Griffiths 6.00 Alen Marm 9,00 Herry Kelly 1.00pm Listeners Requests 2.00 Concerto 3.00 Jernie Crick 7.00 Newenight 7.30 Sonata 5.00 Concert. Handel (Concerto Grosso In D. Op 6 No 5): Pachalbel (Canoni) Mozert (Violin

Concerto No 5 in A major (C219); Purcell (Birthday Ocie, Corpe Ye Sons of Art Away); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 1 in F major) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00em Concerto (r)

#### VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ n' Joho 16.00 Graham Dena 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Richard Porter.

7.00 BBC Proces 97. See Choice. Live from the Albert Hall, Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra, under Pierre Boulez, Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin); Bertok (Four Pieces for Orchestra); Boulez (Notations 1-4) 8.00 Boulez's Lost Symphory. The composer conductor takes about the work he lost in 1947, which he set! manade as the extraording of

which he still regards as the summation of everything he knew up to that point. He describes his emotions and remembers how the work would have sounded 8.20 Concert, part two. Stravinsky The Rite of Sozion

6.00ama On Air, with Andrew McGragor, Includes Handel (Concerio Grosso in A. Op 6 No 11); Stravnsky (Apolio, 1947 version), Gifrika (Overture: Ruslen and Ludmita); Bach (Concerto in C minor for Oboe and Violin, BWV1060); Brahms (Hungarian Dartoss Nos 5 and 6); Schumann (Piano Quartet in E flat, Op 47)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore, Includes Mazart (Serenade in D, K185); Schumann, orch Shostalovich (Violin Concerto in A minor)

10.00 Musikael Encounters, with Susen Sharpe.

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Susen Sharpe, Includes Tchallowsky (Polonaise, Eugene Onegin); Chopin (Ballada No 1 in G minor, Op 23); Haydn (Moirt Concerto in C); Mozart (Adagio in E, K261); Baster (Main 4) Ethi

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12.00 Proms Composer of the Weeld Bartoli:
1.00pm News; Summer Ensemble. A recital by
Leland Chen. voloin, and John Lenehan, piano.
Includes Beethoven (Violin Sonata in C minor, Op
30 No 2); Basch (Poeme); Wieniawski (Variatione
on an Original Theme) (I)

2.00 BBC Proms 97. Another chance to hear last
Friday's concert featuring Michelle de Young,
mezzo, Krzysztof Smidstra, violin, BBC Symphony
Orchestra under Jiri Belohlavek. Bartok (Kossuth);
Berio (Folk Songs); Schubert (Rondo in a, D438);
Dvořák (Symphony No 8 in G) (T)

3.45 Andres Schiff. A pisno recital Includes
Schumann (Davidsbündertánze); Janacek (Pisno
Sonata IX 1905); Schumann (Symphonic Etudes,
Op 13) (T)

Op 13) (r)
5.00 Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson (r)
5.15 In Tune, with Linda Orniston at the Edinburgh
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his emotions and remembers how the work would have sounded 8.20 Concert, part two. Stravinsky (The Rite of Soring)

8.15 Hearts and Minds. Michael Rosen explores tolk and fairy takes from the era of the Russian Revolution and examines the effect they had on the young people of the time (2/4) (r)

8.40 Damon. Excerpts from Telemenn's opera performed by solosists and La Stagione Frankfurt, under Michael Schneider

10.00 BBC Proms 97. Live from the Albert Hall. Polil Hind and Thomas Ades, planos, Orchestra of St. John's Smith Square, under John Lubbock. Harrison (New First Suite for Strings); Montague (Piano Concerto); Barber (Adegio for Strings); McPhee (Tabuh-Tabuhan)

11.30 Proms Composer of the Week: Brahams (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, Jack Teegarden, Tommy Dorsey and Bill Harris festure in tonight's survey of trombone players by Campbell Burnep

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes 1.00 Sintonia Varsovia, under Jezy Maksymiuk, With Kozystof Sornyt, tenor, Medel Grzybowski, plano, Szymanowski (Mandragore); Poulenc (Auberde); Hindemith (Hérodiade) 2.05 Traditional music from Polend 3.15 Stuttgart Trio, Durnky) 5.00 Sequence

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.45 Notes from a Small Island, by Bill Bryson Abridged and read by Kerry Shale (1/4) (r)

8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Robin Lusting. Telephone
0171-590 4444 with your questions for the guests
of the day
10.00 News; Shiva's Wedding (FM). See Choice
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Wendy Austin
11.30 Medicine Now. Geoff Wats examines the latest developments in robotic surgery and esks whether most people would be happy to be operated on by a machine.

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12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Clare Catford

12.25pm Wordly Wise. Panellists David Aaronovitch, Figlover, Jeremy Nicholas and Peter Sarainovicz explore the ongins of words 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (IT 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Sci Fi — Fiction Science not Science Fiction. The geneticist Steve Jones discusses Mark Twain's Puddinhead Wison, a tale of twins separated at birth, and the author's fascination with questions of inheritance with questions of inheritance
2.30 Just the Part. The tenor Philip Langridge talks to

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3.00 The Albertoon Shift, with Deire Brettan.

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Allen talks to Twyta Tharp at the Edinburgh Pestivet. Plus Paul Vaurghan reviews a selection of successful easy Istenine releases.

4.45 Short Story: A Visitor from Pakisten. Written by Rarntal. Read by Shaheen Khan
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6.30 Wenderland Girts. The last of a four-part contecty series written by Martanne Carey, With Flone Bell.
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8.00 Science Now. Akin Lewis explores the latest developments in science (r)

8.30 In Living Colour. The last in the series which locuses on black and Asian perspectives on issues in the UK. With Trevor Phillips (8/6)

9.00 In Touch. Peter White with news and features for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoacope (r) 8.53 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtimer. Midnight's Children, by Salman Rushdie. Read by Roshan Seth (2/15)

11.30 A History of Britain in Sbt Means. The fifth of six programmes in which Leslie Forbes havets through time in search of a good meal. This week's destination is a Victorian banquet (r)

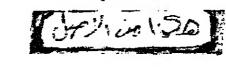
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12.30sm The Late Book: Biggest Elvis, by P.F. Kluge. Read by Ron Berglas (2/10)

12.48 Shippling Forecast

1.50 As World Service.

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lot less money than I do. Robin bangs the drum for Britain all over the world. He's be on in a minute. isn't that right, Will? And later, in our Newsnight Freak Or Unique slot, we'll be showing you - are ready for this? - yes, we've actually found a Cabinet minister who believes that many poor working people in Britain have a tough time and should get a heiping hand from the Government Honest We have

"But over to our first guest: a big hand for Mister Robin Cook! Hi Rob, or should I be calling you Secretary of State or something. I dunno, I dunno—whaddo I know? - I dusmo, anyway. Rob, you've - But the trouble with watching had a lot on your plate in your first - Hollywood presenters is that not

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pirants don't deserve their species' evil reputation (1) (3006).

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8.20 News (1) and weather (483).

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high-speed kench on Concorde, the River Tharnes, Irish 988s, Jersey and the Europa theme park in Germany (1)

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5.35 Neighbours (f) (1) (906003)

6.00 Name (i) and weather (831)

although that's meant that you've often had to work late, you haven't exactly been forgetting your tooth-brush, have you Robin? Eh? Eh?" Well, it wasn't quite like that last

night. But maybe next year. While the BBC and ITN have been struggling to quell criticism of their plans to inject more glamour into documentaries and news bulletins (the BBC thinks more viewers would watch serious programmes if they were fronted by Chris Evans or Ulrika Jonsson, while ITN is nurturing a stable of superstar reporters) their rivals are making the most of their head start. Last night's In The Wild, presented by Debra Winger (it was Holly Hunter last week), showed agains how ITV is stealing a march when it comes to showing film stars onto the sort of shows that were "once an Attenborough sanctuary.

100 days in office Robin, but only do they want to bring their son, Noah, along, but they come with cinematic baggage. As you watched Winger journey through China in search of a giant panda, you kept expecting Richard Gere to emerge from the undergrowth in his white Officer And A Gentle-man uniform and carry Winger off over his shoulder, while her anxious Chinese guides wondered why the sound of Joe Cocker singing Up Where We Belong was wailing through the Xin Ling

> xplaining why she was so interested in safeguarding the future of the panda, Winger told us: "My son's name being Noah, I've always had sort of an attraction to the story of Noah." Presumably, if she had named him Sandy, we would be watching her chasing camels in the Gobi Desert. Next time we see David Attenborough presenting a

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natural history programme, I'll be waiting for him to tell us: "My brother's name being Dick, I've always ....

The trouble is that we didn't see Debra's panda until the last few minutes, but wary of leaving us nanda-less, the producer kept inserting clips of unknown pandas sitting around like fat slobs who have just awoken after a night on the tiles and will be helping police their hangover has worn off. Professor Pan Wenshi, the world authority on pandas who was chaperoning Debra and Noah,

seemed bemused - probably by how it could have escaped his notice that somebody else in the world seemed to be just as passionate about pandas as he was. At Foping National Nature Reserve they finally found a panda cub, which earned the professor a below-the-title screen credit: When we started out," croaked Debra, weeping with emotion. "I doubted that pandas had a chance, Now I believe, with friends like Professor Pan, they just might."

Her work on Earth done, you expected Winger to take to her sick bed and die a ten-hanky death, as she did in Terms Of Endearment. But she and Noah wanted to leave their mark by giving the panda a name. Noah chose Faith, "It's a big name for a tiny cub," said Winger

for a tiny wildlife documentary.

or a glimpse of how presenters used to be, All Mod Cons (BBC2) began with a 30-year-old clip of John Noakes, introducing Blue Peter viewers to the latest crazy thing in the Groovy Sixties. "And now for a mystery object." said John in that voice sceptics adopt when describing Carl Andre's Bricks as a work of art. "1 wonder if you can guess what it is."
It was a waist-high beambag. "I had to be told... It's a piece of 'way out' furniture. It's a 'chair!"

The baby-boom generation had reached an age in life when they were rich enough and groovy enough to move into their own pad" and furnish it with beanbags and posters of Che Guevara; and flat-pack furniture from Terence Conran's new Habitat store, which could be assembled in anything between two hours and

with their inquiries just as soon as huskily. And Winger is a big name eight months, depending on the

quality of your drugs supply.

Too bad that so many people gave away all their 1960s junk to men like Shaun Kent, The Flying Scrapman (Channel 4), before realising that in the 1990s their plywood slot-together tables and their chicken bricks would again be in vogue (in a knowing, ironic, Post-Modern kind of way). But Shaun's obsession is the Kowloon Bridge, which sank off the Irish coast in 1986 with a cargo of iron ore. Shaun bought it for El and thinks it will make him his fortune

once he raises it. Shaun, with his piercing blue eyes and his dentless determination, tells his story well himself. Sadly, Michael Clifford's film ends just as Shaun has finished decking out his salvage ship and is heading off to his wreck. But if there's a follow-up documentary, it will probably be presented by Reeves and Mortimer instead.

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BBC2

10.26 Cricket: NatWest Trophy Live coverage of the first semi-fired in the 80-overs-a-side competition as Essex take on Glamorgan at Chelmeford. Essex will look to Australian Stuart Law and England's Nesser Hussain to help them to Lord's, Nesser Hussein to help them so use of white Glamorgen have a potential match winner. In Pakisten's Waqir Younis

12.45pm See Heart (1) (269783) 1.15 A-Z of Food (f) (51472744) 1.25 Cricket: NetWest Trophy Further live coverage until the close of play from Chelmetord (57686560)

NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to change and lete running

7.30 Home Ground: The Diary Derek Jacob recounts the story of Lance Corporal Bill Smith, who died while working on the Burma-Siam railway as a prisoner of the Japanese during the Second World War

8.00 Cath My Bluff Jilly Cooper, Terry Waite, Dermot Murraghan, and Colin Salmon Join team captains The Times columnist Alan Coren and Sandi Tokavig (r) (T)

boyent chet rounds off his barbecuing tour with a visit to Australia, the spiritual home of the barble (T) (3473)



Roberts, Edwards and Nelli (9,00pm)

in Cold Blood (1/2) Recre-ation of a brutal, meaningless staying of a Kansas tamily. When a prisoner heers of a prosperous farme with a safe full of money he plans to rob it on his release. However, there is no sale. With Anthony Edwards, Sam Neill and

10.28 Video Nation Shorts (146251) 10.30 Newshight: (1) (369473) 11.15 Cricket: NatWest Trophy Highlights of today's semi-final between Essex and

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12.30 Learning Zone: Open University:
Writing m Report (99139) 1.00
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HTV 6.00em GMTV (7774831) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (5395725) 9.55 Judge Judy (T) (3256251) 10.20 News (T) (6058299) 10.25 Regional News (T) (6040270)

10.29 HTV Crimestoppers (6040270) 10.30 Between the Darkness and the Dankn (1985) with Elizabeth Montgomery, James Naughton and Karen Grassle. A women awakens from a twenty-year coma to discover her high-school sweetheart has married her sister. Directed by Peter Levin (51017473)

12.20pm Regional News (1) and weather (4661473) 12.30 Name (T) and weather (1142560) 12.55 Shortland Street (1127251) 1.25 Home and Away (1) (14165812) 1.50 Liz Emie's Lifestyle (1) (98942096)

2.20 Murder, She Wrote Angela Lansbury as: the amateur sleuth Jessica Fletcher (4475251) 3.20 News (T) (2558947)

3.25 Regional News (T) (2557218)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (2537216)
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6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (276116) 6.25 HTV Weather (924305) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) and weather (251) 7.00 Emmerdale A social worker has

shocking news for the Calms household (T) (2744). 7.30 People and Peta Jenny Hull investigates the issues surrounding the quarentine

8.00 The Bill George Garfield displays a lack of professionalism when he gets personally involved in an old man's death (T) (8164).



Jacobi examines the body (8.30pm)

Cadfael: The Rose Rent Derek Jacobi returns as the sleuthing monk in the first of three medieval mysteries (T) (35928) 10.00 News (T) and weather (64294) 10.30 Regional News (T) (734893) 10.40 West Match Plus (834102) 11.40 Hunter A man facing trial for murder hiress a hit woman to full Hunter before he

can testily (r) (219299) 12.25em Carnel Knowledge (r) (9622481) 1.25 Late and Loud (5310961) 2.30 The Chart Show (r) (8155967) 3.10 Football Extra (r) (8951139) 4.05 Coach (r) (34363435) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (70337313) 5.00 Helricom (r) (57226) 5.30 News (17023)

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12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (1127251) 2.20-3.20 Hart to Hart (8960251) 4,00-4.10 Scooby Doo and Scrappy Doo

(2143763)5,10-5.40 Shortland Street (2680744) 6.25-7.00 Central News (938980) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (763) 10.40 Central Sports Special (834102) 11.40 Swift Justice (293251) 12.30em Film: Parker Kane (596874)

2.10 The Paul Ross Show (1893597)

3.40 The Loop (74108961) WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except:

10.20 Film: There Was a Little Boy (51017473) 12.55pm Home and Away (8837522) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (10724096)

4.00-4.10 Scooby Doc and Scrappy Doc 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2680744) 6,00-7,00 Westcountry Live (10638) 7.30-8.00 Stately Homes (763)

10.40 Film: Betsy's Wedding (1990). A comedy written by, starring and directed by Alan Alda (28559980) MERIDIAN As HTV West except: 10,30am Cartoon Time

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SAC Starts: 6.00em Sesame Street 7.00 The Bigger Breakfast (92445928) 9.05 Saved by the Belt: The New Class (7136270) 9.35 The Secret World of Alex Mack (6291299) 10.05 Sister, Sister (7226522) 10.35 The Crystal Maze (3159218) 11.35 The Bigger Breeklast (9928102) 12.05pm California Dreams (7300947) 12.30 Rickl Lake (33599) 1.00 Slot (7300947) 12.30 Ricki Lake (3559) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (86089270) 1.15 Pingu (66084725) 1.30 Film: Torpedo Run (19155386) 3.15 Machinetions (4047980) 3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (657) 4.00 Bewitched (164) 4.30 The Parish (575) 5.00 Blue Wilderness (9562) 5.30 Countdown (928) 6.00 Newyddion (639725) 6.05 Heno (171742) 6.35 Holiol (637/25) 6.05 Herro (171742) 6.35 Honor Barumes (908367) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (12983) 7.25 Y Glas (699909) 8.00 Canrif O Gan (9034) 8.30 Newyddion (8541) 9.00 Resus (7763) 10.00 Brookside (675386) 10.35 Frasier (284947) 11.05 NYPD Blue (874980) 12.00 Northern Exposure (42348) THE PERSON STATES OF THE 6.00am Sesame Street (r) (42909)

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1.50 The Horse's Mouth (1968) A comedy written by and starring Alec Gunness directed by Ronald Neame (27293611) 3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Liver salad;

chicken primavers and sattron rice; truit kebabs with coconut toast (T) (657) 4.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (164) 4.30 Countdown (1) (9298657) 4,55 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (6808980) 5,30 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (928)

6.00 Space Cadets Lighthearled sci-fi quiz. With William Shatner, Bruce Dickinson, Angela Rippon and Ford Kiernan (T) 6.30 Roseanne (r) (T) (893)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (620744) 7.50 Girts, Girls, Girls Seing a young woman in the 1990s (828102)

8.00 Tool Stories Georga Herbert oversees Robert McDonagh's extra extension; Yvonne Allen putting the finishing touches to her conservatory and Craig Masson and Andrew McMinn fit a chandelier in

their London townhouse (T) (9034) 8.30 Brookside The pressure of trying for baby is getting to Mex and Susannah. Cassie confesses all to Jackle white Jimmy implores Mick to keep his parl in



Victims of the Bengal famine (9.00pm)

9.00 Indian Summer: The Forgottan Famine A famine that claimed three million lives (T) (7763) 10.00 Breasts Twenty-two American lemale: soed between six and 84 talk about the impact their breasts have on their fives (T) (7522)

11.00 Vic Reeves' Big Night Out (r) (9638) 11.30 Gas New cornedy acts (T) (752589) 12.05am Nightwatch Topical phone-in series (9632868)

1.05 Seturday Might and Sunday Morning (1960, bW) Albert Finney stars, as a factory worker with a complicated love life. With Rachel Roberts and Shirley Ann

(426597)2.45 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (6964348)

3.30 Beloved Enemy (1936, b/w) with Brian Ahame and Merie Oberon. Romance between an Irish insurcent leader and the between an Irish insurgent leader and the

daughter of a leading British civil servant. Directed by H.C. Potter (762936) 5.05 Modern American Poets (r) (T) (3782464) 5.40 Film and Video Showcase (6203752)

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CHANNELS ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (7760980)

7.30 Havakazoo (6486270) 8.00 The End Blyton Advanture Series (2819541)

8.30 WideWorld: Whose Health Dr Mark. Porter explores our perception of health and illness (2818812) 9.00 Espresso (6434980) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (9960657) 10.30 Hot Property (r)

11.00 Leeza (2065657) 11.50 Double Espresso

(33585386) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (2829928) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (8214021) 1.00 5 News Update (T) (22575947) 1.05

Sunset Beach (1) (1776183) 2.00 5's Company (3190638) 3.30 Mr and Mrs Smith (1941) With Carole Lombard, Robert Montgomery and Gene Raymond. A screwball comedy from

Altred Hitchcock, about a couple who discover that their marriage is not realty legal (7659639) 5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (60337367) 5.30 100 Per Cent (5155947)

6.00 Move on Up (T) (5145560) 6.30 Family Atfairs Jack tries to get the truth out of Maria (T) (5136812)



7.00 Exclusive Showbiz gossip. Includes interviews with designers Ben de Lisi and Vivienne Westwood (6856247)

7.30 Small Miracles: The Wandering Monarch A documentary about the long migration of the monarch butterily (T)

6.00 Plastic Fantastic An insight into male cosmetic surgery — a growing trend — and in particular, the rare pectoral implants (9517805)

8.30 5 News with Kirsty Young (T) (5301152) 9.00 Poltergeist: The Legacy Rachaet's daugriter is targeted by a malevolent

spirit (T) (5005560) 9.50 Politargeist: The Lagscy Derek tinds himself on trial for his life (T) (2140589) 10.45 Not the Jack Docherty Show Comedy

and chet (5310947) 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3194454)

12.30am Live and Dangerous includes, at 1.45, motor sport (45040690)

3.45 Live and Dangerous: Futbol Americas A round-up from Latin America (7408481) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco (T)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (5422145) 

#### SATELLITE AND CABLE

#### listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Directory, published on Saturday

SKY 1
6.00em Morning Glory (180015) 9.00 Regin and Kathle Lee (42590) 10.00 Another World (91395) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (84812) 12.00 Oprah Writing (8789) 1.00pm Geratico (43980) 2.00 Sally Jassy Raphael (40980) 3.00 Jerry Jones (78744) 4.00 Oprah Winney (5251) 5.00 Sally Jassy Raphael (40980) 3.00 Jerry Jones (78745) 4.00 Oprah Winney (5251) 5.00 Sall Trick The Next Generation (7831) 6.00 Sall Trick Try 13 6.00 Matride - with Children (4473) 7.00 The Simpsons (8560) 7.30 M\*A\*S\*H (5137) 8.00 Speed (4880) 8.30 Coppers (3015) 9.00 The World's Most Desgerous Arumals I (85367) 10.00 The Estanothusy & Res454 11.00 Ser Trick The Next General Armels (96367) 10.00 The Egracithusy (98454) 11.00 Star Trait: The Next Genera-tion (44859) 12.00 Lett. The Next Genera-tion (41859) 12.00 Lett. Next (9534435)

7.00pm Superboy (3352793; 7.30 Superboy (5105960; 8.00 Renegade (8519251) 9.00 Police Resaue (2535015) 10.00 The New Lintouchables (8535102) 11.00 in the

Worldwide news coverage, with building on

\$.00 ms Statisted Votes (1964) (52034) 8.00 The Maked Paymer (1967) (04560) 10.00 Curse of the Viting Grave (1961) (37281102) 11-25 Short Chruste II (1968) (84365) 1.45pm The Boot Little (1978) (84365) 1.45pm The Boot Little (1978) the World (1981) (2708259) 3.00 Shot-tered Votes (1994) (62228251) 7.00 Short Chruste II (1968) (41519) 8.00 The Care and Handling of Roses (1986) (25089780) 10.45 Crooklyn (1984) (51275270) 12-40mm Bildwest Obesselon (1985) (190229 2.20 J.cones. (1986) (1995) (130232) 2.20 Joseph (1966) ... (836771) 4.15 The Best Little Girl in the ...

World (1961) (011705)
THE MOVIE CHANNEL (1985) (62102) 10.50 Dangarous light (1941) (57183): 12.00 Three

Nation (Oct Shot (1994) (88314) 1.30pm Bigles Cry (1935) (240876) 4.00 Capthen Inique - (1985) (240876) 4.00 A Brother's Preminer The Dars Jamen Story (1994) (2030) 7.30 Special Feature: Movies Traillers (3857) 2.00 Catinose Tide (1985) (7247) 10.00 Johanny Massenordo (1995) (7289) 11.40 Alban Malliers Dark Hori-zon (1995) (881831) 1.15am Chiller (1995) (210394) 2.55 Streeth of Conduct (1994) 4258713 4.30 Outliver's Travels (1993) (78739)

SKY MOVIES GOLD 8.00pm Yest Were Meres Leveller (1942) 5/135183) 8.00 Major Levgue (1989) 9/1498281 10.00 Young Guns (1966) 2024569) 11.50 Picple at Hanging Rock (1975) (2922367) 1.65mm Robum to Sel-ett at (1967) (3/18665) 2.26-5.25 Prince and the Pumper (1978) (1308394)

8.00pm International Vehicl (1973) (74758473) 11.00 Lollin (1962) (24240367) 1.30es The Last Vehicle (1960) (41546328) 3.10-4,00 Med Love (1935) (81575328) SKY SPORTS.1

7.00sm Sports Cardre (34831), 7.30 Football League Review (20836) 8.00 Wild Spites (22522) 8.30 Riscing News (21893) 9.30 Sports Cardre (45473) 8.30 Aerobot (91763) 10.00 Watersports World (19522) 11.00 Gall (93385) 12.00 Aerobot (22478) 81763) 10,00 Watersports World (19522)
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SKY SPORTS 3 12:00 Sports Unlimited (12903095) 1.00pm T2.00 Sports Unimited (1/20/000) Tolopas World Netorsport (5982/5/76) 3.00 Edunati-rarism (4/26/1831) 4.30 Powerbant and Jessi (89973015) 5.00 Pro Beach Sooper (71382929) 8.00 Sports Unimited (1/209290) 7.00 Sports Cerme (71383827) 7.30 CPR v Wolves — Liva (3882/367) 10.00-11.30 Equastrarism (78295084) EUROSPORT

7,30am 1971s. Wuser V Decker (\$1154) 9,00 Speedworld Megazine (\$9270) 11,00-Eurogoals (24454) 12,00 Touring Car.— STW Cup (\$0005) 12,30pm Wheeles Megazine (\$7947) 1,00 Water Starty (\$270) 1,30 Trashton (74102) 2,30 Ahles-ics: World Championships (43560) 4,30 ics: World Championships (4360) 4.30 Tractor Pulling Eurocup (20560) 5.30 Formula 4e4 (3198) 6.00 Monater Trucks (922) 6.30 Freesthis Magazine (4831) 7.00 Basish Touring Car Championstep (55763) B.00 Hissayweight Ecolosion (31183) 9.00 Derics European Big Open (51947) 10.00 World Cap Lagends (54047) 10.00 Equationisms: Nations Cup (45947) 12.00-12.20am Saleng (51890) UK GOLD

7.00em Rentaghod (2799473) 7.36 Neigh-tours (3190831) 8.00 Crossroads (3483164) 8.26 EastEnders (7303015) 8.00 The BE (345/251) 9.30 Shelley (5708/4-10.00 Telystack (5183180) 10,30 Schler 10,00 Tellystack (\$183180) 10,30 Sutherar (3485763) 11,00 Innsule (1627580) 12,6590 Crossrooks (8681232) 12,20 Neighbours (5702560) 1,00 EastEnders (818607) 1,35 Pazzz Patrol (81389213) 2,06 A Liste Bit of Demon (45122367) 2,20 Take a Lister, Mister Jores (64246265) 2,50 It An't Half Hot Mum (5579454) 3,30 The Be parteeth 4,017 A Woman of Substance (4197560) 5,00 Casushy (18322763) 4,05 EastEnders (1588152) 6,40 Brush Strokes (5533102) 7,20 Dr Who (524980) 7,30 George and Middred (6259947) 4,20 H-De-Hi (4003569) 3,00 The Bill (4193744) 9,36 Casushy (3224698) 10,35 Mosecambs rs (=0.000 The 681 (4183744) 9.56 Casushy (23284689) 10.35 Mosecambe and Wise (830672) 12.10 m False One Good Turn (9178849) 1.40 Ken Dodd's World of Laugher (3197058) 2.25 Simpling (42400486)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00mm The Box (728544) 7.00 Commison St (1802678) 7.30 Families (1581183) 9.00 Surprise! Surprise! (1581183) 9.00 Richard and Judy Embasies (7444015) 9.30 Doctor in Charge (5325270) 10.00 Garitis Touch\* (1587367) 11.00 Bust (1590831) 12.00 Corpositor St (7454251) 12.30pm Ferniles (5336385) 1.00 Two Surprise! (533657) 2.00 Surprise! Surprise! (533657) 2.00 Gentle Touch\* (1457386) 5231102) 3.00 Gentle Touch\* (1457386) 4.00 Richard and Judy Embasie (5736831) 4.30 Doctor in Charge (5732015) 5.00 The Advantures of Sharlock Holmes (1446831)



8.00 Families (5713980) 6.30 Coveration St (5737560) 7.00 The Sant (1582812) 9.00 Coveration St (1465305) 9.30 The Coverans (5316522) 10.00-11.00 The Adventures

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

8.00mm Dumbo's Crous (14676) 6.36 Tall Tales and Legends (42367) 7.26 Letie Marmaid (130247) 7.25 Timon and Pumbas (42367) 8.30 Good Troop (844927) 9.00 Tale Son (953922) 9.25 Alzaidn's Regase (8423164) 10.16 Curck Park (87939102) 11.25 The Wonder Years (6692034) 11.59 Timon and Pumbas (6614812) 12.05 pm Borkers (8776728) 12.36 Poddingon Peci (87773251) 12.36 Pig Gazage (47966547) 12.56 Sing Me a Shory (1978454) 1.15 Messon a Advertures Grown Up Wild (8689869) 1.00 Advertures (7604472) 12.05 Sing Me a Shory (1978454) 1.15 Messon a Advertures Grown (1978454) 1.15 Messon a Adverture (7604473) 3.00 Liste Marmid Scrove on Wonderland (8093705) 2.06 Small Shories (4666790) 2.10 Lamb Chop's Phy-Along (15992683) 2.40 Care Suars (5084473) 3.00 Liste Marmid (8272675) 3.35 Timon and Pumbas (869668) 4.30 Chopselley (9734) 5.00 Aladdin (7080826) 5.25 Timon and Pumbas (1853725) 6.38 Maghly Ducks (999188) 6.00em Dumbo's Creus (14676) 6.30 Tall

Anne Lambert disappears at Hanging Rock (Movies Gold, 11.50pm) 6.00 Plash Forward (1947) 6.50 Boy Meets World (229) 7.00 Thurther Aley (6386) 7.30 FILM: Alexadia (38616; 9.00 The Surbard Show (3851) 9.30-19.00 The Golden Gets (21515)

FOX KIDS NETWORK 6.30 Processo 10223350 7.00 Samural Peza Cas. (657233 7.30 Hero Tunto, 1673239 8.00 Caspar 2032229 8.30 Power Rangers Zeo (4384170) 9.00 Maslaod Rider (1009942) 8.30 Beatchoorge (545638) 10.00 Spoteman (5565812) 11.00 X Non (242912; 11.00 Prostem 2000 2422541) 12.00 Prostem 2000 2422541 12.00 Prostem (5456164) 1.40 Sect (545878) 2.00 Samura Peza Cata (4018247) 2.30 Hero Tuntos (542015) 2.00 Caspar (6556164) 1.30 Pears (878247) 2.30 Hero Tuntos (542015) 2.00 Caspar (55660) 4.00 Mastrad Rate (5115367) 4.00 Beatscoops 3506251) 5.00 Spiritman (1868720) 6.00 Met (5125144) 6.30 Grassburger (5116086)

8.00mm Imagerd (2752) 8.30 Dange-mouse (74611) 7.00 Denne the Monace (4559) 7.30 Where s West Turner & Co.

Balman (84396) 8.30 Au Astack (47251) 8.30 Earthworm Jim (10239) 10.00 Gravedale High (99993) 10.30 Fisch Gordon (58393) 11.30 Cratigo Craego Crawlers (6259) 11.30 Cadilacs and Dinosaurs (6259) 11.30 Cadilacs and Dinosaurs (6259) 11.30 Cadilacs (14015) 1.00 Batman (38270) 1.30 Dangermouse (13389) 2.00 Craego Crawlers (8744) 2.30 Fisch Gordon (3164) 3.00 Sanc (2751) 3.30 Earthworm Jim (5909) 4.00 Derms the Menace (7744) 4.30-6.00 An Agack (3528) CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from 5.00mm to 9.00pm Includes Torn and Jerry, Popeye and The Pirestones NICKELODEON

8.00mm Dr Seuss (72676) 8.30 Will Dusck Chack etc (85065) 7.00 Batter (22473) 7.30 Tales from the Crypticepper (11980) 8.00 Jurnary (20164) 8.30 Hey Arnoldt (52763) 9.00 Rougats (85065) 10.00 Doug (82367) 10.30 Apartini Rosi Morsiers (8296) 11.00 Rock (17015) 11.30 Ren and Stimply (18744) 12.00 Pela and Pete (72251) 12.30 per (73744) 1.30 Round the Twest (59164) 2.00 Batter (Roper (7377) 2.20 Littles Pel Shop (2096) 3.00 Status Around (2305) 3.30 Bruno the Kid (7541) 4.00 Hey Amold (8676) 4.30 Rugrats (5560) 8.00 Status (8476) 4.00 Moesha (3725) 6.30-7.00 Are You Alred of the Dark? (7305)

TROUBLE 12.00 Byter Grove (3462183) 12.20 pm Ready or Not (5704928) 1.00 Mackson (1563015) 1.100 Sweet Valley High (5703299) 2.00 Sweet's Crossing (8555675) -2.00 Blass (3698831) 3.00 Byter Grove (9000780) 3.30 Hangistre (3941676) 4.00 California Oreams (3920183) 4.00 Sweet Valley High (5791806) 5.30 Ready or Not (3940947) 6.00 Hangistre (393050) 6.30 Medison (3921812) 7.00 Saved by the Bell (4855611) 7.30-8.00 California Dreams (3527086)

8.00pm The New Twilight Zerie (#155219) 8.30 The New Twilight Zone (8905116) 9.00 LA Heat (9179676) 10.00 Tour of Duty 9172/83] 11.00 FFLAR American Yhikazar (6691828) 1.00am LA Heat (1698139) 2.00 Tour of Duty (7097\*45) 3.00 FILM: On a

Moonlik Night (5952400) 5.00 The New Twilght Zone (6186232) 5.30 The New Twilght Zone (3998684) PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (4385) 7.30 Family Ties. 13589; 8.00 E UK (3034) 8.30 Wings (2541) 9.00 Cheers (97251) 9.30 Di Katz (70657) 10.00 Nurses (24980) 10.30 It's Garry 10.00 Nurses (24980) 10.30 II's Garry Sheroling's Show (40928) 11.00 Clus Class (40116) 11.30 The A-Lis (81251) 12.00 Soap (98936) 12.30mm I Love Lucy (56787) 1.00 Cheers (11503) 1.30 Dr Kaz (47955) 3.00 E UK (81348) 2.30 Club Class (47955) 3.00 Nurses (35136) 3.30-4.00 Wrige (34435)

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8.00pm Space Precnet (5(25980) 8.00 FILM: Flash Gordon (19471015) 11.15 FILM: Caree of the Werened (5561744) 12.45em The Malong of Men in Black (4822590) 1.00 FILM: Flash Gordon (8179042) 3.00 Dark Shadows (1638665) HOME & LEISURE 9.00am Simply Paining (3455893) 9.30 The Garden Show (5705388) 10.00 Garden Club (2134562) 10.30 Cretimise (3484305) Cato (2134562) 10.30 Crethwsc (3484305) 11.00 Room for improvement (417522) 11.30 Grehem Ken (4172251) 12.00 Julio 13475657) 12.30pm Homerien 5700102) 1.00 The Cit House (1575589) 1.30 New Yankee Workshop (5709473) 2.00 The House (6552229) 2.30 The Cit House (5842305) 3.00 The Cit House (5962314) 3.30 The Cit House (9165314) 3.30 The Cit House

DISCOVERY 4.00pm The Bartle of Tsushma (3933657)
4.30 Atr Ambulance (3922541) 5.00 Next
Step (845021) 5.30 Jurassina II (3913899)
6.00 Wad Gunte (3943034) 6.30 Widdlam
(3934395) 7.00 Beyond 2000 (4050265)
7.30 History's Turning Points (3923270)
8.00 Discover Magazine (9162365) 9.00
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of British (1553638) 12.00 Secret Weapons
(3073299) 12.30em Ar Ambulsince (3073329) 12.30am Ar Ambulance (9304145) 1.00 History's Tuming Poras (1409329) 1.30-2.00 New Step (8571110)

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# Atherton takes charge of his own destiny

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

DESPITE the doom and disinevitably spawned by another Ashes defeat, the England management intends to stand firm against the clamour for panic measures. Michael Atherton will be offered the chance to fulfil his own forecast agenda by winning in the West Indies this winter, probably with Adam Hollioake as his deputy and captain-elect.

The onus is therefore on Atherton himself to balance his enthusiasm for one more leadership challenge against the argument that after a four-year cycle in the job. this is a natural time to stand down. Atherton, never one to rush into such decisions, will seek the counsel of friends and mentors in the coming days.

His spirits will not have been lifted yesterday, when some of the reaction to England's defeat in the fifth Test at Trent Bridge was hysterical and personal. Nobody could enjoy seeing himself called a "dead duck" or accused, in the most preposterous of headimpersonating an England cricket captain". especially when Atherton's principal "sin" is to be in charge of a team outplayed by awesome

There have been times when Atherton's captaincy has been cautious, obtuse and even misguided, though these have

has grown into the job. He is, after all, not yet 30, an age when Allan Border still did not know what it was to lead a

powerful team. Atherton has suffered, primarily, for being expected to out a world-class bowler, a feat forever beyond the most gifted of captains. Yet, in that most ghastly of British traits, he has been portrayed as infallible one month and im-

A decent, intelligent but essentially ordinary man, it would be small wonder if he

NatWest preview Reeve's new role Minor approval

back on it all, but experience. allied to his obstinate nature, has helped to develop a thick skin and a tendency for defiance. If he resigns, it will be because he has had enough of an onerous, consuming and invariably thankless position.

The lowest ebb for Atherton came not on Sunday, but a fortnight earlier in Leeds. where realistic prospects of winning the Ashes were relinquished. Atherton, often more eloquent in defeat than vic-

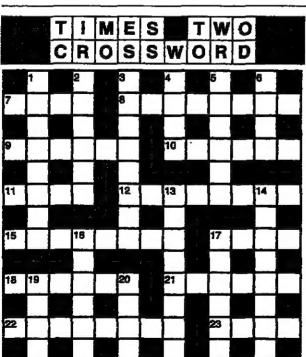
## Cronje reappointed

tain South Africa on their a tour of Australia a home five-Test tour of England series against Sri Lanka and next summer. Cronje has been re-appointed for the 1997-98 season, the United Cricket Board of South Africa

confirmed yesterday. He will be in charge for a hectic period, taking in 16 Test matches, with home and

HANSIE CRONIE will cap- away series against Pakistan, then the trip to England, their second since being readmitted to international cricket.

Gary Kirsten, the Western Province opening batsman, will be Cronje's vice-captain throughout the season, the board said.



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day and felt depressed for some days afterwards.

the England coach, and received ample reassurance regarding the management view of his situation. After a further conversation with Bob Bennett, chairman of both the England management committee and his county, Lancashire. Atherton was in no doubt that he should continue

He relished various aspects of the Nottingham Test, in which England played to their potential for all but the last day. Sadly, it will be the massacre that Sunday became

Atherton is wise enough to awaiting enlightenment.

"I have spoken to Michael regularly, of course, and he is well aware of my views," Graveney said yesterday. "I want him to go on doing the job and I think it is in the interests of the team for him to remain as captain this winter.

"It is true that he was low after Headingley. I was just as bad myself. I think we both felt it more keenly because of the expectations that had been raised by winning the first

playing these Australians on a flat pitch. They make things happen so quickly that games can run away from you. The which lan Healy took on our bowlers broke everyone's hearts. I think, and our batting after that was unacceptable, too many players indicating they couldn't stand the heat in the kitchen. But.

a lot of character.

as the most consistent centre As Graveney is acutely aware. Atherton's resignation would create a dilemma. There are three viable contenders to replace him, but none are demonstrably right for the moment. Alec Stewart would be a negative, shortterm measure sure to send out the wrong signals: Nasser Hussain is a shrewd tactician. but a deep and complex perjust played his first Test.



Atherton: widely respected

sufficiently confused and Hussain's place is not yet automatic, the progressive candidate is Hollioake, who proved at Trent Bridge not only that he has the temperament and technique to be a Test batsman, but that his bowling may not be quite as negligible as it promised.

Hollicake has been struck by the Australians' respect for his captain. I had a long chat with Sieve Waugh when we all went into the Australian dressingroom after the game." he said. "and he was saying just how much the Australians respect Atherton. Waugh said: They say he's like a cockroach you can't kill. You stamp on him but he keeps coming back"."

If Atherton stands down in the coming days or weeks, the job would be vacant too soon to be ideal for Hollioake. Better by far to allow him to learn as vice-captain on a tour.

Within that time, he spoke regularly with David Lloyd,

in charge.

that will be remembered.

expect no respite from scorn and speculation, as he intimated when he spoke on Sunday evening about the "black and white" that dominates popular perceptions of our sporting teams. Equally, he was offering no hints on his long-term intentions. Even Ďavid Graveney, the chairman of selectors, confesses that he is

Test and the speed with which they were dashed.

Trent Bridge just confirmed what will happen to astute nature of Alex Fergumost teams in the world hour on Sunday morning in Jasnuary 1993, was described until that point, we had shown the former Rovers manager,

half operating in the FA Carling Premiership. Ferguson highlighted defence as the area most in need of strengthening if his side was ever to mount a concerted effort to win the European Cup. It was the heroic effort of Jurgen Kohler, the Borussia Dorumund central defender, that denied United a berth in last season's final and out into perspective the Manchester club's own failings. As Stewart's role is already

Ferguson was offered Kohler during the summer, but the player's age counted against him. Similarly, attempts to sign Markus Babbel, another Germany international, and Celio Silva, of Brazil, were doomed to failure.

BY DAVID MADDOCK

Even in equalling the Brit-

ish record for a defender that

Chelsea paid to Blackburn

Rovers for the services of

Graeme Le Saux only last

week. Ferguson has pulled off

something of a coup. Berg. 28.

the Norway international de-

fender, who cost Rovers just

recently by Kenny Dalglish,

£400.000 from Lilleström in

son, their manager.

Many will raise eyebrows at

United add Berg to defensive mix United manager was candid Trafford and instead had to in his assessement of the price. BY AGREEING to pay a fee of "It is a lot of money, but the money is not an issue," he said. "He is a quality interna-E5 million for Henning Berg, Manchester United yesterday illustrated not only the inflat-ed nature of the domestic tional who is proven in the Premiership and he has the transfer market, but also the versatility and mobility we

have been searching for. It is a great signing for us." Similarly, Martin Edwards, the club chairman, was dismissive of the fee. "It is a price we have to pay. We wanted the player and we went out to get him. We did our business quietly and efficiently," he

In Berg, United have a Continental defender already with 159 Premiership appearances under his belt and 44

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international caps. They also have secured a solid centre half who can play at full back and is comfortable on the ball. However, it is not the signing of such an accomplished player that is Ferguson's greatest achievement, but the fact that he persuaded Rovers to sell to

United at all. body. Thus Alan Shearer was denied his wish to move to Old

settle for Newcastle United. After signing yesterday, Berg admitted his relief at finally joining United. "Blackburn are a big club, but

United are a great one, possi-

Turning point: Banque Internationale à Luxembourg, skippered by Ross Field of New Zealand, leads the monohull fleet around the Fastnet Rock at the mid-point of the 605-mile Fastnet Race yesterday. Italy led overall, with Britain in fourth place. Report, page 38

bly the biggest in Europe, and it is a chance any player must iumo at," he said. Everyone knows there is a problem with the two clubs. Alan Shearer wanted to come here and Blackburn simply wouldn't let him. When United first made an approach for me over a year ago. I said I

wanted to go and I repeated that during the summer, but I never expressed that beyond the chairman and Mr Walker

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Bad blood has existed between the clubs for some time. culminating in a famous state ment by Robert Coar, the Blackburn chairman, suggesting that Rovers' players would be sold to United over his dead

the owner and when Blackburn signed a replacement. I think they appreciated I hadn't gone public and let me have my move." Ferguson explained that the

perseverence. He originally trained with United as a kid ten years ago, but we couldn't get a work permit," he said. "We were worried that we wouldn't get him this time and that's why we went for others. but it turned out all right in the

If Berg is happy at being allowed a move, then John Barnes, the former Liverpool captain, is less so. He was granted a free transfer by Liverpool yesterday after ten years' service at the club.

Barnes has been pushed ou by the arrival at Anfield of three new midfield players and realised his fate on Satur-

## Celtic await their chance

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

first leg away. There is always

an emphasis on playing well.

but if we can get a result ahead

of the home leg, that could work for us. We must be

ready to change tactics as the

Jansen's only injury worry

concerns Stephane Mahe, the

France defender, whose ankle

will undergo a late test before

the starting line-up is finalised. "Stephane is the

only player who has not

reported fully fit and will

clearly need a late run." Jan-

Jock Brown, the Celtic gen-

eral manager, was at Glasgow

airport vesterday morning,

but confirmed that he was

staying home as duty called

elsewhere. "i want to do a few

match dictates.

sen said.

CELTIC made the worst start AS Roma and Saturday's 7-0 possible in the build-up to beating of Berwick in the Coca-Cola Coo.

We are developing a settled their Uefa Cup second qualifying round, first-leg tie against FC Tirol Innsbruck tonight team now, with only Regi Blinker missing because he when they endured a five-hour has sadly not met the Euro-pean deadline. I don't know if delay before their plane was able to take off. it is better to be playing the

Celtic kick-started their campaign with an 8-0 aggre-gate thrashing of Inter Cable-Tel, of Cardiff, but Wim Jansen, the head coach, realises that the Austrian team will prove to be a more

difficult proposition. Jansen pointed to the way that Celtic have performed since their defeat against Hibernian at Easter Road in their opening league match as evidence of a recent improvement. However, he believes a positive result is needed in Austria if Celtic are to be in with a chance in the return at

Celtic Park This is the toughest game we have played so far." he said. "I just want to continue the way of playing we showed in the 1-0 friendly win against deals, though it is not out of the question I could be heading off somewhere on a plane

myself soon. There are several on-going situations regarding new recruits and I'm hopeful of securing at least one player before Friday's European deadline. I am not expecting to announce anything before Wednesday, though, with everyone being away, but I'm confident progress will be made."

Davie Bowman, the Dundee United midfield player, knows exactly what is required his team Trabzonspor in their Uefa Cup match tonight. Tornmy McLean, the United manager, is expecting an intimidating and hostile atmosphere in Turkey and Bowman, 33, said: We must concentrate on the joh in hand. Our aim is to keep things tight during the first 25 minutes. If we can do that, it might be like facing Celtic or Rangers in that their fans could turn against them."

"I do feel some sadness, but

I'm not bitter," he said. "I happen to believe that the manager is wrong because I still think I should be in the team, but then all players think they should be playing." Barnes, 33, has already been approached by Watford, his former club, with an offer to

join as a player-coach, but he prefers to stay in the Premiership. He will talk to Harry Redknapp, the West Ham United manager, within the next 48 hours and is ready to move to London Aston Villa, though, made an inquiry dur-

ing the summer and could return, given the lack of a fee.



Berg: accomplished





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